

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

The First Step

MR Dag Hammarskjöld has accomplished the first objective in his Middle East mission and has persuaded Egypt and Israel to agree unconditionally to a ceasefire. For this the United Nations Secretary-General wins wholehearted approval and congratulations. So also can the Egyptian and Israeli leaders be commended for responding so readily to Mr Hammarskjöld's moderating influence. The conditions have now been created for a wider and more stable settlement.

The ceasefire, welcome as it is, still represents only a beginning, and composing of the Palestinian situation remains dependent on acceptance of further measures by both sides.

First and foremost it is essential that Egypt and Israel agree to withdraw their forces from the armistice demarcation line. It is also imperative that full freedom of movement be afforded United Nations military observers along the lines and in the defence areas of the Arab and Israeli states, and that the disputes over the armistice line be referred to the United Nations for prompt detection of violations of the armistice agreement.

All these are necessary if the formal ceasefire is to be safeguarded. They are also prerequisites for a long-term stabilisation programme. They are conditions that will test the goodwill and integrity of both sides.

The hope is that the ceasefire agreement will itself contribute to reducing tensions in the area and to creating an atmosphere in which Mr Hammarskjöld can achieve the more smoothly the other, and potentially more difficult, objectives of his mission.

Put It Fairly!

HONGKONG is not unmindful of the growing difficulties confronting the Lancashire textile industry, nor does it lack sympathy for those workers who have lost their jobs because mills have closed down. But Hongkong is puzzled and hurt by the vicious tone of the current campaign against its importation into Britain of cotton yarn and made-up textiles.

Another source of wonderment is the constant bracketing of Hongkong and India in the Lancashire allegations of excessive and unfair imports. It suggests that this Colony and India are flooding the home market with cheap textiles in equal quantities—an absurd proposition.

We also notice that those who so vociferously protest against Hongkong "dumping" and competition conveniently ignore the fact that Lancashire is placing substantial orders for our cotton yarn—and doing so without any prompting by Hongkong textile industrialists.

If disgruntled Lancastrians deem it necessary to lobby MPs at Westminster, let them at least present their case as fairly for others as for themselves.

Don Iddon's Report On HK

Don Iddon, famous Fleet Street columnist, reports on Hongkong on his "Follow the Flag" tour around the Commonwealth. Don't miss this special feature to be published exclusively in tomorrow's China Mail.

This is only one of the highlights of the big week-end feature-packed China Mail.

Watch out for these special features as well:

- ★ Majdany meets Monroe — she has a mood for every man;
- ★ Daphne Fielding tries out the hazards of housekeeping;
- ★ Tangiers Kazbah;
- ★ What comes after death? An investigation by Terence Feely;
- ★ Peter Russo reports on Japan's rise among the Asian nations.

There are all your regular favourites as well including Jane Roberts' latest film reviews, three pages of local and overseas pictures, special sections for women, children and sportsmen, cartoons, comic strips, puzzles — all in the China Mail.



MOSCOW STOPS JAMMING THE BBC

Moscow, Apr. 19. Moscow stopped jamming the BBC's Russian language broadcasts today, according to Reuters.

This may mean the Russians have given up jamming during the Soviet leaders' visit to Britain, which is to last 10 days.

Experts said, however, it was too early to discover whether Moscow had completely abandoned its "Jam the BBC" policy.

Though two BBC broadcasts this afternoon were heard without interference, there was jamming on other wavelengths.

Voice of America programmes are still being completely blotted out by Soviet jamming stations, the Reuter report added.



TALKS
WITH
ISRAEL
END

Jerusalem, Apr. 19. The United Nations Secretary-General, Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, had his last meeting with Israeli leaders tonight to round off their lengthy and detailed study of the frontier problem and the best way to overcome it.

The official communique issued after the meeting said the discussion centred on the application of the armistice convention in the long Gaza strip and on some aspects of the convention with regard to Israeli-Jordan relations. It was clear that Mr Hammarskjöld had concentrated on the technical aspects of the situation, without touching the political aspect. The communique made no mention of Mr Hammarskjöld's mission as a whole.

Direct Line

The main reactions in truce commission circles to Mr Hammarskjöld's mission was that it has reinforced the commission's authority and brought the antagonists closer together.

Attempts have been made to arrange a direct telephone link between Israeli army headquarters in the Negev sector and the Egyptian army headquarters in the Gaza strip.

There is already a direct line between the Israeli and Jordan commanders in Jerusalem.

Mr Hammarskjöld will return to Beirut tomorrow afternoon as he is expected to make another tour of the Arab countries for an up-to-the-minute examination of the situation and discussion of how further progress may be made. —France-Press.

WINSTON WINS THE RUSSIANS

HE TALKS—THEY CHUCKLE
And That Went On All Evening

BIG PARTY AT NO. 10

London, Apr. 19.

At a glittering dinner party at 10 Downing Street tonight, Sir Winston Churchill kept Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev chuckling throughout the evening.

He did not hesitate to hark back to his wartime meetings with Joseph Stalin, debunked by Mr Khrushchev at the recent Communist Party Congress.

And the Russian leaders could not help but listen to him. For Sir Winston was sitting between them.

That was Sir Anthony Eden's arrangement.

Reuter said Sir Winston, glowing with enthusiasm, was the star of the evening. He was in one of his

best moods of reminiscences.

In fact, because of the fund of stories he revived, the dinner went on much longer than expected. He also had a long talk with Marshal Bulganin.

Another guest who joined in the conversations was Earl Attlee. He was sitting next to Marshal Bulganin.

Sir Anthony Eden later described the dinner as "very pleasant".

The menu was: oysters, soup, fish and steak, wines and champagne, then brandy and cigars.

The Soviet leaders were first to leave 10 Downing Street. They were smiling broadly as they entered their car under a blaze of floodlights from cameramen.

A man in the small crowd waiting outside shouted: "Get out, Khrushchev," and was immediately marched away by Police. He was not detained.

Army Chief
In Malaya
Gets A New
Command

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 19. Lieutenant-General Sir Geoffrey Bourne, tough one-armed Director of Operations against the Communists in Malaya's jungle war, has been appointed Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East.

This was officially announced today.

General Bourne told a Reuter correspondent he welcomed his new appointment.

In a comment on the progress of the war in Malaya, he said: "I think the Government will get the support of the people."

A Better Chance

"They have a better chance than the British had when we were in that control," he said. "But they are going to have to work for it."

"Experience has taught me it is not worthwhile arguing with the Communists. One simply has to present them with a new fact and then await their reaction."

"I am very sorry to be leaving Malaya and I am glad to be going to another active job," —Reuter.

Gunboat Sunk?

Taipei, Apr. 19. Three Nationalist warships fought for more than 20 minutes with a similar number of Communist naval craft early today, the Nationalist Defence Ministry reported here. It claimed that one Communist warship was sunk. The action took place near You Yu, an island in the Matsu group. —France-Press.

11 Die In Battle

Algiers, Apr. 19. Eleven French soldiers were killed when a rebel band of about 150 strong attacked a 24-man water carrying party near Sababna, in west Algeria. French security troops sent into action shortly after the incident succeeded in contacting the rebels and killed a number among them, according to the latest reports. —France-Press.

Twenty Missing

Tokyo, Apr. 19. Twenty people are missing after the 200-ton passenger boat "Taipei Maru" capsized off Shikoku Island in the Inland Sea today. Those missing include 11 members of the crew and nine passengers. —France-Press.

Police Get Ready

Capri, Apr. 19. Police reinforcements from the mainland arrived on Capri tonight to prepare for the expected arrival of Prince Tanier and Princess Grace on Saturday. Later they will travel to Rome, to be received in audience by the Pope. —Reuter.

Leaving China

Singapore, Apr. 19. Malayan Chinese are flocking to bring their wives here from China, the Penang Immigration Office reported today. A spokesman said the increase in applications could be due to conditions in China becoming worse. —Reuter.

COMMUNIQUE
RELEASED

London, Apr. 19. A Soviet Russia held out the hand of friendship to Britain in "Little Summit talks" today and urged that conflicts between East and West be avoided. British and Soviet government chiefs met for two and a half hours at 10 Downing Street in the first formal conference of the 10-day Soviet visit.

An official communique issued afterwards said it had been agreed to keep the talks secret.

INFORMAL

It said in part: "It was agreed that both the substance and the progress of these talks—which are in the nature of continuing informal discussions rather than of a conference with a pre-arranged agenda for a settlement of a specific problem—should be secret and that nothing would be divulged except by means of agreed communiques."

It is hoped to issue a brief communique tomorrow night giving the heads of the principal topics discussed so far. —United Press.

MALAYA PUZZLE: WHO LOST THIS GOLD?

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 20. The Malayan Government is looking for the owners of gold and jewellery which soldiers found in the jungle in 1944.

but it doesn't expect any takers. The treasure was found in a Communist "terrorist" camp. Under the laws of Malaya,

trove, the Government must seek the owners of the property found, but officials said if it were not claimed, the money from the sale of the loot would go to the Government. —Reuter.

JAPAN TO SEND AMMUNITION TO SYRIA?

Washington, Apr. 19. The State Department's spokesman, Mr Lincoln White, today reversed an earlier statement and said Japan had asked the United States if it could use ammunition manufactured under United States licence for a shipment to Syria.

Mr White yesterday claimed the United States had received no such request.

In a statement today he said the Embassy in Tokyo had been asked by the Japanese Government if United States specifications could be used for the manufacture of munitions for defensive use by Syria.

Mr White also confirmed an earlier Washington report that the United States, through the Tokyo Embassy, had informed Japan that it had no objection in principle.

He said the conditions were related to the size of the order from Syria, which was expected to be small.

The ammunition Syria requested was understood to be for howitzers and possibly trench mortars used by the Syrian army. —Reuter.

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His Holiness Vazgen I, Supreme Catholicos of all Armenians, has been paying a visit to London and last Sunday he attended a service with the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Armenian Church, Kensington. Picture shows the two churchmen in procession to the service. The visit was the first made to England by a head of the Armenian Church during his period of office.—Express Photo.

Ike Pleased About Russian Atomic Agency Decision

Washington, Apr. 19.

Mr. James Wadsworth, Deputy American United Nations delegate, said today that President Eisenhower was "very much gratified" at the Soviet agreement to join in setting up an international "atoms for peace" agency.

Mr. Wadsworth reported to the President on the 12-nation agreement to set up the new body as a United Nations agency, announced last night, and said Mr. Eisenhower was also pleased that the agreement was unanimous.

Confident

He said the next step would be a conference of 80 nations in New York in September to ratify the agreement. He predicted "vigorous and spirited debate" at this meeting, but added: "I think it will go through."

Mr. Wadsworth said Soviet representatives had said during the final seven weeks of negotiations that they planned to seek some changes in the plan later.

Asked why he thought Russia had finally decided to accept the plan he replied: "I believe the Soviets came to the conferences in a spirit of co-operation to get this thing done."—Reuter.

HOLLINGTON TONG DUE US IN MAY

Washington, Apr. 19.

Mr. Hollington Tong, Ambassador-designate of Nationalist China to the United States is expected to arrive in Washington to assume his post early in May, Embassy officials said.

Mr. Tong will succeed Mr. V.K. Wellington Koo who is retiring after 44 years in his country's diplomatic service.—United Press.

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Resupply Radar Warning Station System

Tokyo, Apr. 19.

More than 3,000 US Army troops will move into the "remote reaches of the Arctic" this summer to re-supply isolated stations of the radar warning dewline system, the Army announced today.

"The operation will be in support of the northernmost radar defence project being carried out jointly by Canada and the United States armed forces," the Eighth Army said.

The dewline network was designed to provide early warning for North American continent against the possibility of trans-Polar air attack.

Specialised Training

"A specially trained force of over 3,000 army troops," said the Army announcement "will move into remote reaches of the Arctic this summer to re-supply isolated stations of the dewline."

The troops will receive specialised training in amphibious operations at the transportation training command at Fort Eustis, Virginia. The training will include operation of various landing craft including the giant 60-ton amphibious "Bare".

Transportation Corps personnel when they reach the Arctic will discharge general cargo and bulk petroleum from ships standing off the radar stations.

200,000 Tons

"Due to severe weather conditions," the Army said, "ships and lighters can operate in the area only a few weeks during August and September."

"During the short period when discharge operations can be carried on, Army troops will work around the clock landing supplies over beaches of widely varied characteristics from tidal mudflats to rockbound cliffs."

Two hundred thousand tons of construction materials were initially delivered in 1955. Supplies will be carried by two task forces, one from the Atlantic and one from the Pacific coast. The Eastern Task Force will leave for Eustis and the Western Force will leave the Seattle Army terminal in Washington in late July. They are expected to return to the US by "early October."

Same Conditions

"Icebergs pack ice and snow ice will provide constant hazards to the operation," the Army said. "Additional difficulties will be presented by the fogs and Arctic cyclones which are most numerous during the Arctic season."

It was expected that the 1956 force would meet the same conditions that cost some units of the 1955 operation as much as three weeks' delay.—United Press.

Independence

Talks

SINGAPORE MISSION PREPARES

London, Apr. 19.

The 13-member Singapore independence mission to the United Kingdom were today the guests of the London County Council at a luncheon.

Last night, members of the mission held a meeting which lasted an hour and a half, to prepare for the forthcoming Singapore constitutional conference, which is to open at Lancaster House on Monday morning.

Mr. David Marshall, Chief Minister and leader of the mission, will before the conference, open, have talks with the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Lennox Boyd, and members of the Conservative Party.

POLITICAL ADVISER

The mission is at present looking for a United Kingdom political adviser for the conference of independence. He will be a prominent member of the Labour Party of Britain. Three names have been mentioned in well-informed quarters.

They are, the Honourable Anthony Neil Wedgwood Benn, son of Viscount Stansfeld, Patrick Christen Gordon Walker, former Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, and Sir Lynn Ungoed-Thomas, Queen's Counsel, former Solicitor-General. All are members of Parliament.—France-Press.

UNCONSCIOUS FOR 4 YEARS

Denning, N.H. Apr. 19.

Jimmy Smith, aged 20, is beginning his fifth year of total unconsciousness in hospital here.

A car accident damaged part of his brain.—China Mail Special.

Lairds Own All The Land!

London, Apr. 20.

A SOVIET journalist, who lived in Britain for three years, praised the natural beauty and the people of Wales and Scotland, but complained that Scotland's lake country "is a land of great landowners."

Sketches from a book "In the British Isles," by the journalist, Viktor Mayevsky, were broadcast by Moscow Radio.

Mayevsky, former correspondent in Britain for the Communist Party newspaper Pravda, said that Scotland was "beautiful and interest-

ing. Her freedom-loving, proud and diligent people are attractive, and Scottish songs are lovely."

But on the banks of Loch Lomond, he saw small plots of land separated by hedges and asked to whom this land belonged. His guide answered: "To Sir so-and-so, or to the descendant of another Sir, I don't know for sure."

When the Russian asked who owned Loch Lomond, he was told "I think it belongs to him too."

"Alas, almost all of the lake country is a land of great landowners," Mayevsky said. The Russian said that "on more than one occasion in Scotland, we heard expressions of

friendly feelings toward the Soviet Union.

"The people of Inverness remembered with gratitude the immortal, heroic deeds of the defenders of Stalingrad."

The Moscow Radio broadcast played a recording of "The Road to the Isles", and then described Mayevsky's visit to the Burns Museum at the village of Alloway.

The Russian described Edinburgh as "perhaps the most beautiful town in the British Isles," and said he called Glasgow "a most important economic centre of Scotland."

Moscow Radio played the Welsh national anthem and went on to describe a drive by the Russian journalist from Cardiff to the Rhondda Valley.—China Mail Special.

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'Urgent Steps Must Be Taken**No Limit To Body's Endurance**

London, Apr. 19. Colonel Charles Yeager of the United States Air Force "the fastest man in the world," said today he saw no limit to the speed the human body would be able to stand.

The Colonel, who flew a Bell X-1A at 1,000 miles an hour in 1953, said the only limit was to acceleration and turning, and even there the limit was high.

With special suits, men could stand pressures of up to eight times the force of gravity without blacking out.

Colonel Yeager was speaking to reporters before lecturing to the Royal Aeronautical Society here. He had flown from Germany for the lecture.

He said he had "many times" flown at higher speed than the official speed record of 1,132 miles an hour set by Britain's Peter Twiss last month.

IN A TANGLE

Colonel Yeager said the situation over speed records was such a tangle that even he could not understand it.

But he welcomed the recent decision of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale, which handles record questions, to remove the altitude limit on record attempts.

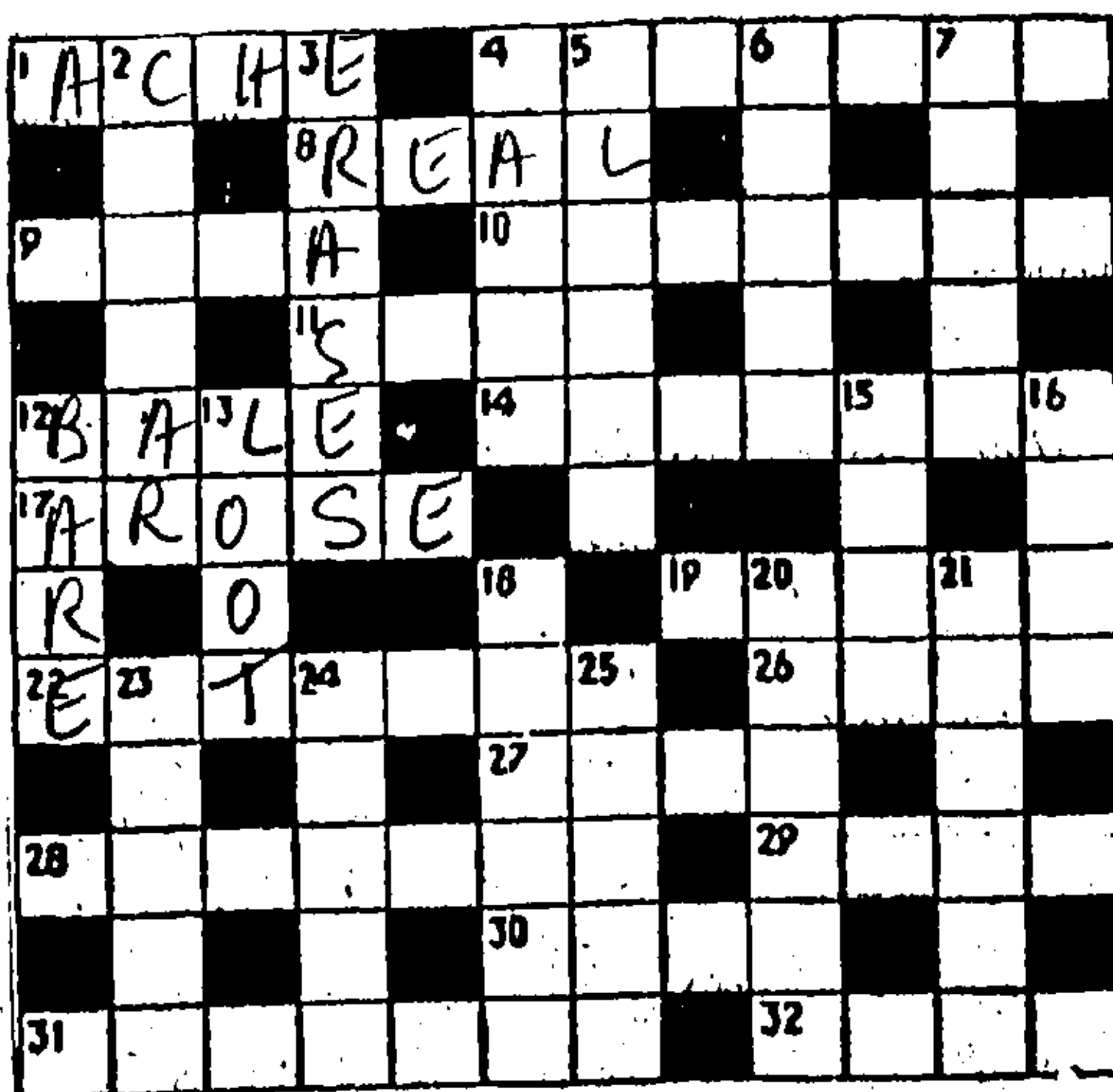
Colonel Yeager explained that the Bell X-1A in which he flew at 1,050 miles an hour was one of a series of aircraft purely for research purpose.

The first was the X-1, which reached 1,000 miles an hour as early as 1947.

He said tests made in these aircraft ensured that research in the United States was four to eight years ahead of production—reducing expensive failures in new fighter models.—China Mail Special.

TV Starting

Canberra, Apr. 19. National and commercial television stations are expected to be operating in Melbourne and Sydney before the end of 1956. The Postmaster General, Mr. Charles Davidson said in the House of Representatives today.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- Continuous pain (4).
 - Set of artificial teeth (7).
 - Actual (4).
 - Insect (4).
 - Plunder (7).
 - Animal fat (4).
 - Bundle (4).
 - Cut apart (7).
 - Got up (5).
 - Dance (5).
 - Value highly (7).
 - Sell (4).
 - Heap (4).
 - In general favour (7).
 - Libertine (4).
 - Departed (4).
 - Indian corn (7).
 - Grudge (4).

- DOWN**
- Vault (6).
 - Elaves (6).
 - Ventures (6).
 - Delighted (6).
 - Savours (5).
 - Transix (6).
 - Naked (4).
 - Boat (4).
 - Vex (4).
 - Exploit (4).
 - Transix (6).
 - Wards off (6).
 - Repulses (6).
 - Purloined (6).
 - Pier (5).
 - Allegations (6).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Method, 8. Doubt, 9. Diver, 10. Nurses, 11. Value, 12. Trip, 13. Books, 14. Astern, 15. Alters, 20. Split, 21. June, 22. Sept., 23. Life, 24. Tundra, 25. Eider, 26. Jockies, 27. Doves, 28. Monitors, 29. Thimble, 30. Odds, 31. Disposes, 32. Devices, 33. Oracles, 34. Bells, 35. Almonds, 36. Bonnet, 37. Amuses, 38. Treats, 39. Lullaby, 40. Price, 41. Lure.

To Strengthen It'
EMPHASIS ON SETTLEMENT OF PALESTINE, KASHMIR DISPUTE

Teheran, Apr. 19.

The United States announced today that she will establish a military liaison office with the permanent headquarters of the Baghdad Pact.

Mr Loy Henderson, head of the American observer mission, announced the decision today as the five-nation Baghdad Pact Council ended a four-day meeting here with a communique stating that "urgent steps" must be taken to strengthen the Pact.

Errol Flynn Flew In

Errol Flynn flew into London last week, to join his wife in London, where she is making a television series. Errol has just finished work on a new picture "Istanbul". He flew from Hollywood via the North Pole.—United Press Photo.

9-Year-Old Car Driver Killed

Wellington, Apr. 19. Commenting on the death of a nine-year-old boy who was killed while giving a demonstration in a midge car near Ashburton, the district coroner was of the opinion that there was no blame attachable to anyone for the boy's death. He said that people driving that type of vehicle should be of a responsible age.

The boy died in hospital of concussion and shock following a fractured skull when his car overturned at the Rukana Car Club's meeting.—China Mail Special.

The Pact, which links Britain, Pakistan, Persia, Iraq and Turkey in a Middle East defence alliance, plans to set up a permanent general secretariat shortly. The site for its headquarters has not been announced.

The Council communique today emphasised the need for early settlement of the Palestine and Kashmir disputes.

It also announced that the Council would meet again in Karachi next January.

Full Member

The United States, which yesterday joined the Baghdad Pact's Economic Council, today became a full member of the Pact committee concerned with countering subversion in the Middle East "northern tier" defence area.

Source close to the Pact Council said the United States is expected to contribute men and aid to the counter-subversion committee to be set up in Baghdad.

The United States military liaison office at Pact headquarters will be headed by a general or flag officer and will work closely with military planners of the organisation.

Mr Henderson said the United States was also willing to contribute to the costs of the highly-qualified and efficient secretariat which we hope will soon be in operation.

He added: "We have announced our intention to con-

tinue bilateral economic and technical aid with the Pact countries. We have every intention of continuing our military aid programmes, taking consideration of the aims of the Pact.

Beneficial Role

"We are prepared to discuss joint economic projects on a bilateral or multilateral basis."

"We are firmly convinced from the state of the evidence, that this meeting is certain to play a beneficial role in world affairs. The United States has demonstrated its beliefs in, and unqualified support for, the aims and ideals of the Pact."

"I have observed a spirit of determination here to bring relief of tension to the peoples of each of the member countries," Mr Henderson continued.

"The Pact has great potential. It can represent organised power strong enough to defend the freedom of the people of this area from outside forces having imperialistic aggressive aims," he concluded.

Mention of the Kashmir and Palestine problems in the final Council communique followed a closed session today thought to have discussed these two subjects and the Algerian question—all topics of deep concern to the Moslem world.

Strong Evidence

Council sources said Turkey, Pakistan and Persia were nearly unanimous in asking that these subjects be mentioned, despite British objections.

Attacks And Criticisms

THESE countries wished to give strong evidence to their own peoples and to Arab opponents of the Pact, like Egypt and Saudi Arabia, that membership in a pro-Western alliance did not preclude full support for general Arab aspirations, the source said.

Britain sought particularly to avoid any mention of the Kashmir issue so as not to further increase India, which reacted sharply when the recent South-east Asia Treaty Organisation meeting supported Pakistan's plea for a plebiscite in Kashmir.

The communique emphasised the urgent need to strengthen the Pact's military and economic power.

It said there had been a change of Communist tactics but the basic objectives of international communism remained unchanged. The Communist activities called for increasing vigilance—there could be no relaxation of measures designed to strengthen the defence capacity of the Pact area.

The military committee decided to expedite further measures for defence of the Baghdad Pact region.

Considered Active

The communique said problems causing tension in the area were discussed thoroughly and frankly. In particular the Council emphasised the need for early settlement of the Palestine and Kashmir disputes.

The Council welcomed American participation in work of the Pact and considered active and continuing American support for the Pact's objectives was an essential factor in strengthening and development of the member countries and stabilisation of their peaceful aims.

The Council considered there was a threat of subversion in the area and decided to establish a permanent counter-subversion organisation under the Secretariat-General.

It recognised that, while the threat of subversion could be countered, the essence of combating this threat lay in the eradication of the conditions under which it thrives—economic underdevelopment and the resulting weaknesses.

The 1,200-word communique said in all:

adhered firmly to the principles of the United Nations Charter.

In the Council's view, criticisms and attacks from neutralist and other sources against the Baghdad Pact... spring largely from lack of knowledge and misunderstanding of its true purpose.

It is the Council's hope as these purposes become better known these criticisms will give way to sympathy and active co-operation and that the Baghdad Pact will become a unifying factor among peoples of the region.

Meanwhile these attacks only help to keep the region divided and weak....

Better Understanding

It is the Council's conviction that the Baghdad Pact offered the best means of safeguarding peace and stability and of promoting the welfare and unity of the area whilst giving world peace. Therefore urgent steps must be taken to strengthen this Pact.

For this purpose the member countries must be made to create better understanding of the Pact among nations opposing it.

The Council considered the active and continuing support of the United States for the Pact... was an essential factor in the development of the member countries and the realisation of their peaceful aims.

The United States delegate reinforced his country's intention to continue bilateral technical and economic assistance... and indicated that the United States would consider ways of assisting joint projects by members of the economic committee.

Meet Threat

The Council decided to establish a permanent organisation to meet the threat of subversion in the Pact Area. The essence of countering subversion lay in the eradication of economic underdevelopment and the resulting weaknesses.

NEW SOVIET WEAPON REPORTED

London, Apr. 19.

The Daily Telegraph today reported that Soviet engineers were developing a new quick-firing, ultra-sonic "bombardment weapon."

Reporting an interview with a German rocket scientist who "worked for six years in a Russian research centre," the newspaper said that the weapon's calibre of 11 inches suggested it could carry an atomic warhead.

"Various models are believed to have speeds of between 3.2 and 6.5 times that of sound," the newspaper added.

"The weapon is fired in the same way as shell from a gun."

RAM JET TYPE

The Daily Telegraph claimed that the missile had a motor of the "ram jet" type which "extends the range from a normal 35 miles to 180 miles."

It said it was known that "a great deal of work has been done on the project by the Russians, who picked the brains of German scientists."

"What is not known is whether the unit has gone into mass production," the Daily Telegraph added.—China Mail Special.

Communist Aims Not Changed

Vienna, Apr. 19.

The dissolution of the Cominform entails "no giving up of common aims... but only a change in the working methods of the Communist parties," according to a Radio Bucharest broadcast today.

The broadcast quoted a leading article in today's leading Rumanian Communist newspaper Scinteia.

Conditions were now more favourable, the paper said, for a changeover of other countries "to socialism." The chances for a rapprochement between Socialists and Communists had improved.

The Cominform, which had been necessary after the war, had now become obsolete.

"But this means no giving up of common aim... but only a change in the working methods of the Communist parties in the individual countries, which can now develop freely, in accordance with given conditions."—Reuter.

JUNGSCHLAEGER'S BODY MAY BE SENT TO HOLLAND

Djakarta, Apr. 19.

The Indonesian Public Prosecutor, Sunarjo, said tonight that he would give every co-operation to have the body of Leon Jungschlaeger shipped to the Netherlands, as requested by the widow.

Jungschlaeger, who died today following "a stroke," was under detention awaiting the verdict in the case in which he was charged with treason.

Sunarjo said it was up to the judge to decide whether the verdict would now be given. He added that the dead man had been given the best possible medical attention.

Father Cornelius Droog, chaplain of Tilpinag prison, where Jungschlaeger had been held for the past two years awaiting trial, said the dead man had lately appeared in good spirits.

Father Droog said he had begun to know Jungschlaeger as a "right and good man."—France Press.

FORMER CONDUCTOR'S GRAND-DAUGHTER WEDS

Attending the wedding of his grand-daughter in Milan was Arturo Toscanini, world-famous retired conductor. This picture shows the bride, Countess Emanuela Castiglioni-Toscanini being escorted into the church for her marriage to Duke Gian Filippo d'Acquarone.—Central Press Photo.

AUSTRIAN ARMY HAS A NAME

Vienna, Apr. 19.

The first units of Austria's new armed forces today officially assumed the name of the "Federal Army."

The units, which were formed from members of the former gendarmes, have so far borne the official title of "Provisional Border Guards Units."

An Austrian Army thus comes into existence again after 17 years of Nazi rule and Allied occupation, and 11 months after Austria regained her sovereignty—and the right to have an army—by the Austrian State Treaty.

It is expected that the Austrian Army will comprise between 30,000 and 50,000 men. Its officers and senior non-commissioned officers will probably be regulars, though most of the ranks—except for specialist units, will be national service recruits. The necessary legislation has already been passed by Parliament.—Reuter.

Red Atomic Station Inspected

Moscow, Apr. 19.

Nineteen British electrical power experts today visited Russia's atomic power plant 60 miles from Moscow for which their leader found "better than I expected."

Lord Citrine, chairman of the Central Electricity Authority, said:

"Our technical people thought the work which had gone in to this reactor side showed good workmanship."

The British visitors were later entertained to dinner by Mr Georgi Malenkov, the Soviet Minister for Electric Power Stations, and a recent visitor to Britain.

During the weekend the party will split into three groups which will tour the Soviet Union.

They are expected to visit the Ural Mountains area, Stalingrad and the Crimea.—Reuter.

Bees Slacken Honey Output

Melbourne, Apr. 19.

Victorian bees were not as busy as they might have been this season. They produced barely enough honey to meet local demand, and there will be none for export.

Mr E. C. Fowles, Apirist Association executive member, said that the season had been the worst experienced in Victoria.

He said that bees would not fly in the cold or wet, and dampness had affected the flowers from which they usually got nectar.—China Mail Special.

Spaniards Go Back To Work

San Sebastian, Apr. 19.

Fifteen Spanish Basque factories which closed down yesterday by order of the Governor of Guipuzcoa Province reopened tonight after workers and employers had sent in a joint petition to the civil authorities. Work is expected to be in full swing by tomorrow.

The factories, which employed thousands of workmen in the metallurgical and related industries, were closed, following more than a week of strikes in support of wage increases.

Nationwide Increases

The Governor of Guipuzcoa, Tomas Garicano Goni, met mixed employers and workmen's delegations tonight, and informed them that, in view of the resumption of work, the authorities would re-examine the requests for increased wages.

Talks will be continued tomorrow and the Spanish Ministry of Labour will be informed of the decision taken.

The results of negotiations in the northern provinces are likely to be far-reaching nationwide wage increases.

Moroccan Army Units

Casablanca, Apr. 19.

Prince Moulay Hassan, heir to the throne and Chief-of-Staff of the Moroccan Army, declared here today that the first units of the army would be set up on May 12.

The Prince made the announcement shortly before leaving Casablanca by plane for Paris.

Accompanying him were Moroccan Minister of Defence, General Khatat, and General Khatat. "We count on the understanding of the Chief-of-Staff of the French Army to facilitate the training of this first batch with the shortest time," Prince Moulay Hassan said.—France Press.

Barbara Hutton Says 'No' To Divorce

New York, Apr. 19.

Barbara Hutton today denied reports she was negotiating a divorce action against Baron Gottfried von Cramm.

Miss Hutton said by telephone from the Ritz Hotel where she and Von Cramm arrived last weekend "I have been in love with the Baron for 16-18, 19 years now."

"There is no question of a divorce, now or ever."—United Press.

Some things must be done—

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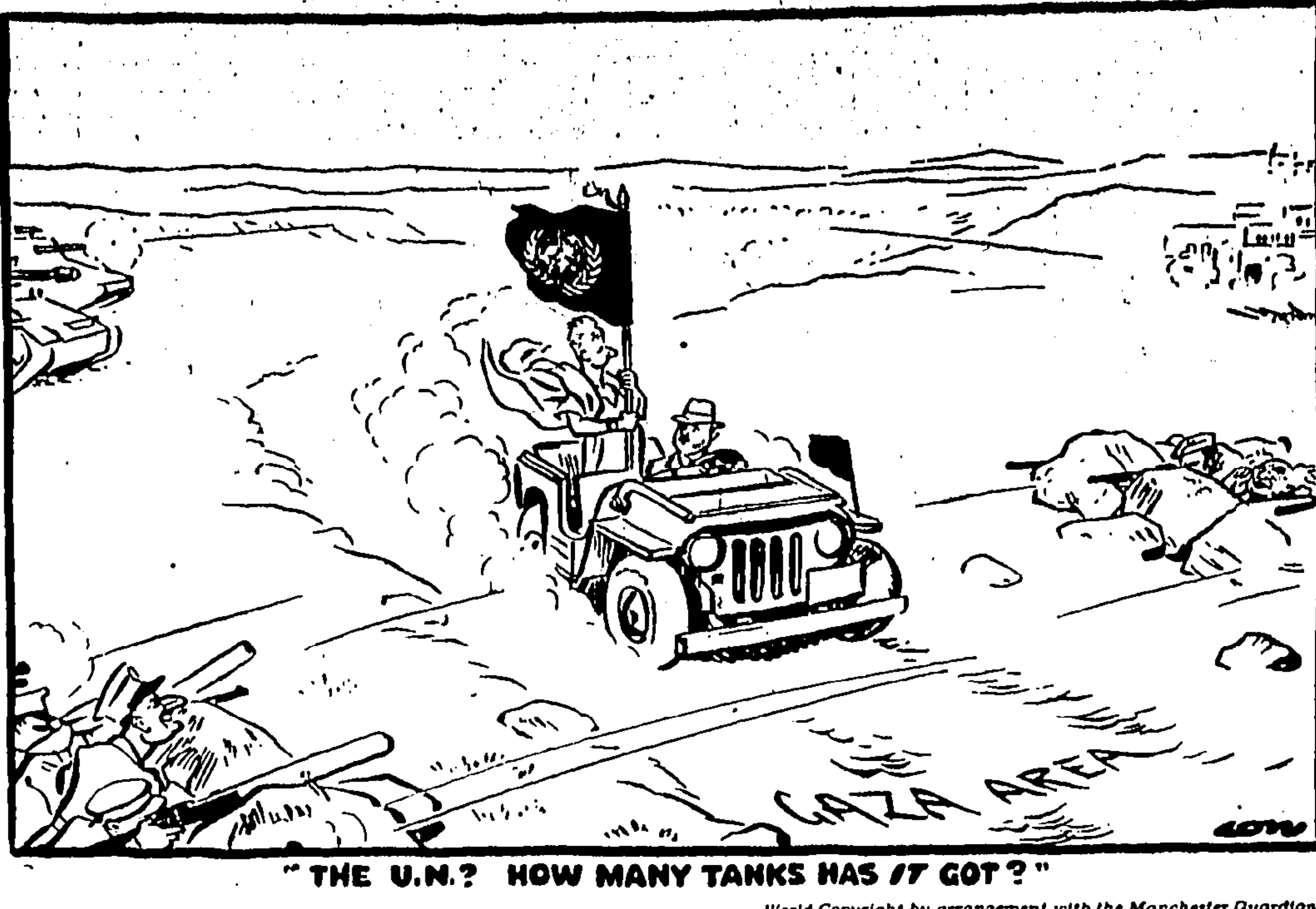
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"THE U.N.? HOW MANY TANKS HAS IT GOT?"

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DARING IDEAS ABOUT LIVING LONGER

I HAVE been listening to daring and exciting ideas from more than 100 European doctors and scientists meeting here in Switzerland to find the secret of prolonging life far beyond present expectations.

These experts believe that symptoms of old age at 70 or even at 80 are really premature—brought on because the body begins to poison itself from the moment of its birth. We are our own executioners.

There is clear-cut evidence that the blood of old people is poisonous. Living cells which will grow and multiply rapidly in a test-tube containing nutritious liquid quickly die after a few drops of blood serum from an old person is added.

The conference was told that an attempt to extend the life span of live old people by rejuvenating their blood has been made by doctors at a hospital in Sunderland.

The experiments, carried out by Dr Oscar Olbrich and Dr Edmund Woodford-Williams, involved injecting large amounts of salt solution into the bloodstream for several days.

They were stopped for safety reasons. But their search for safer methods is to be intensified as a result of this meeting.

Though some self-intoxication is inevitable, experts believe there must be ways of slowing the process so that the average human life-span can be extended to 100 and beyond.

They are confident that this may happen in such a way that all the frontiers of aging will be pushed further off so "middle-age" will not begin before the sixties and people will not be "elderly" before they are 80.

IN FOOD

SOME of the experts, led by Dr Vladimir Korenchevsky, of London, suspect that the poisons which eventually age us are partly—possibly mainly—derived from our food.

When we are young the effect of these poisons is small because certain mechanisms in the body can neutralise them.

Later, as the protective mechanisms weaken, the injurious agents in the diet attack the heart, blood vessels, nervous system, and kidneys, Korenchevsky claims.

They lower the body's resistance to disease and reduce its power to withstand heat or cold.

The doctors are tackling this "food intoxication" problem in three ways—

- 1 By searching for some "detoxifier" which could safely be given to wash away the accumulated poisons of the years.
- 2 By trying to find ways of strengthening the internal mechanisms which neutralise the poisons.
- 3 By devising diets free from food materials which may

Be specially dangerous for the middle-aged and the elderly.

Dr Reginald Fisher, of Oxford University, thinks that certain food ingredients, called amino-acids, which are needed in large amounts when the body is young, may be poisonous in later life.

Professor W. J. Jessop, of Dublin, has found that many old people cannot tolerate large quantities of sugar or starchy foods which would be harmless for younger adults. The doctors seem unanimous that one constituent of food is undoubtedly dangerous to adults in excessive amounts—FAT.

"The main cause of food intoxication lies in fat," declared Belgium's Professor Lucien Brull. "Civilised man may one day develop an automatic way of keeping his weight down to a healthy level as the animals do. Until then voluntary control in the form of dieting is the only answer."

The latest findings all seem to focus on fatty feeding as the chief danger of modern living.

Not one delegate has raised the theory that the pace of civilised life is itself a killer.

Nobody I have questioned here can produce any trustworthy evidence for the common belief that business bosses and executives are killing themselves off by overwork and worry.

Indeed, a study of the life-span of 10,000 Americans has shown that on average those who distinguished themselves in ways which involved hard work and responsibility—lived substantially longer than the plodders.

Much, maybe most, of their alertness and activity is due to their determination to stay young and keep on working.

Peking Timidly Joins In

THE Chinese Communists have joined in the verbal assault on Stalin. A little late, perhaps; it takes time for something so revolutionary to filter through the trans-Siberian telegraph.

But here they are, at last, tooting the new Party line, proclaiming that the late, lamented leader of world Communism committed "several gross errors."

True, there is a certain timidity in the attack. Lauding "collective leadership" isn't easy when China is still ruled by "the cult of the individual."

No matter what the Chinese Politburo may now say about Stalin, every blue-bottle-soldier of them is firmly under the thumb of a single man.

He rules them from Byzantine isolation deep in the forbidden palaces of the former Son of Heaven. His portrait, wart and all, is everywhere revered. His words are texts for worship.

Yes, this new twist to Communist policy may suit the up-and-coming generation in the Kremlin. But not the still struggling old guard in scarcely-proletarian Peking.

It is with a grim smile, then, that I dig out a tattered yellow-

covered pamphlet from my bookcase. A souvenir of Peking, presented by one of those cocksure young men who have suddenly found answers for all the world's problems.

Title—"Stalin and the Chinese Revolution." The date—1952. Author—Doctor Chen Po-la, a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Vice-President of the Institute of Marxism-Leninism in Peking.

BY **RUSSELL SPURR**

I flip open the first page. There, in celebration of Stalin's birthday, is a quotation by Mao Tse-tung.

"Stalin is the leader of world revolution... It is a great event that mankind is blessed with Stalin. As you all know, Marx is dead and so are Engels and Lenin. Had there been no Stalin, who would be there to give directions? But, having him—this is really a blessing."

"Now there exist in the world a Soviet Union, a Communist Party, and also a Stalin. Thus the affairs of the world can go well."

(And so on and so on.)

Nervous breakdowns were far less common among the successful, even though they were overworked.

Maybe frustration and failure threaten life more than the mental burdens necessary for success.

What about the scores of executives who seem to be collapsing with coronary thrombosis? The odds are that they owe their misfortune more to overfeeding than to work, the doctors say. It is easy for the desk-bound to eat more than they need.

Says Korenchevsky: "The more we eat the more poisons we set free in our systems. It is as simple as that. So the obvious precaution until we know more is to eat less."

At 77, Korenchevsky, lean and grey and almost as active mentally as he was at 40, is a convincing advertisement for his beliefs.

THE SECRET

BUT after listening to these experts in this old Rhine town, where the well-preserved medieval houses show up the frailty of man's construction, I can sense another potent reason for the robustness of men like Korenchevsky.

They have found the secret of old age that needs no scientific discovery—that it is possible to come to terms with the twilight years, to enjoy their advantages and ignore their drawbacks.

Perhaps, maybe most, of their alertness and activity is due to their determination to stay young and keep on working.

HE STROLLED BACK TO STALAG VIIB

XAN FIELDING

who was himself captured by the Gestapo, writes about a book on life in a German prison camp... a book which, he says, does little to increase one's faith in human nature

A MUSICAL comedy based on a prisoner-of-war book? What an ideal! Yet it is not so far-fetched as it sounds. Take Adrian Vincent's *The Long Road Home*. Set it to music, change the title to "The P.O.W. Game," and the thing's as good as done.

For this slap-happy, sleazy account of life in Stalag VIIB has all that is needed for a profitable West End run: a flimsy plot, improbable characters, vintage jokes, corny situations, a knockabout turn or two and—yes, believe it or not—over a bevy of girls. Not very lovely girls, admittedly, but a good impresario could soon put that right.

And on top of it all, there is an alarming ring of truth about it. Alarming, because it shows up the average British soldier in the worst possible light: as a whining "wide" boy, a selfish scrounger, a lily-livered lead-swinger with one eye on the main chance and the other on the bread ration.

During his first days "in the bag" Vincent came across a fellow P.O.W. reading a book. It was the only book in the whole camp at that time and the man was just finishing it.

"I suppose you wouldn't like to lend it to me," Vincent ventured.

A reasonable request, surely. But this was the answer:

"You've got a hovel I'll sell it to you, though."

A nice example of comradeship in adversity! But Vincent got his own back by persuading a light-fingered pal to pinch the book for him—a minor misdeed compared to the rest of the camp's activities.

The morale of the prisoners improved with the arrival of the first Red Cross parcels, but not, apparently, their morals. For the more ingenious racketeers among them were soon roaming the compound hawking packets of tea half-filled with sawdust or tins of condensed milk from which the milk had been siphoned out and replaced with water before being resold.

Though Vincent never stopped grouching, Vincent and his companions were in many ways better off than they would have been had they not been captured. He says so himself.

For thanks to the venal character of the German Kommandant, who was prepared to agree to anything for a tin of sardines or a handful of English cigarettes, they were able to smuggle in anything they wanted in the way of extra comforts, such as fresh contraband food or a lady of easy virtue.

PAIR OF SOCKS

The latter piled her trade in the camp bathhouse, the fee being a pair of socks or a bar of chocolate. But she soon shut up shop on discovering that the chocolate wrapping contained a piece of slate and the socks were full of holes.

No many men, I should have thought, could sink much lower

than that. But the inmates of Stalag VIIB could, and did. Though the work they were given was far from arduous—again we have Vincent's word for this—they made every effort and excuse to avoid it. But not from any patriotic motive, not with any intention of sabotaging the German war effort. No, simply in order to make their own lives easier.

Some went so far as to cut off their little fingers so as to gain admission to the sick-bay, and a tough Australian did a thriving trade in smashing the hands of prisoners who were too squeamish to do the job for themselves. Meanwhile, thanks to the activity of these self-mutilated malingers, the genuinely ill had to go out to work to make up the daily quota of manpower required.

Vincent himself made a plan to break his own foot by getting someone to drop a large pit log on to it, but didn't have the guts to go through with it. He also did his best to learn German, in case it should come in useful if he ever escaped. Not a bit of it. Just to get himself a cushy job as camp interpreter!

CO-OPERATIVE

Escape, indeed, seems hardly to have entered his thoughts, although there was any amount of opportunity. A co-operative guard would actually keep watch for him whenever he visited his Polish girl friend in the village; and when the Kommandant heard of it and put his foot down—for even this corrupt official had to draw the line somewhere—he decided to make a break unassisted.

Late one Saturday evening, therefore, after finishing his clerical duties—yes, by then he had wangled his cushy job all right—he walked out of the office in the German quarters instead of going through the gate as he was meant to do, simply sidled round the building and disappeared into the darkness. "It was as easy as that," he admits. "No one saw me go."

He determined man would have got away with such a heaven-sent chance—after all, people even escaped from a regular fortress like Colditz—but not our Vincent.

After four days of his German dalliance, he meekly reported back to camp!

EASY CONDITIONS

Had he made a clean break then, he might have avoided the nightmare march across Germany and Czechoslovakia which captors and captives alike eventually had to make in order to avoid being "liberated" by the Russians advancing from the east. Softened by the relatively easy conditions of camp life, the prisoners were in no state for the rigours of the road and quickly reverted to the old system of every man for himself.

When Vincent lost his own hard rations and hopefully approached some pals who were cooking theirs he was told—first on so many words, only the first one is unprintable—to "clear off."

No, "The Long Road Home" does little to increase one's faith in human nature. But I still think it could be turned into a successful musical comedy. Or, at the very least, a rather shameful farce.

"Cornflakes taste so much better with brown sugar on, Mummy"



TAIKOO

SOFT BROWN SUGAR

YESTERDAY'S SOCCER

SING TAO 3, ARMY 1

TIGERS SCORE 3-1 WIN
OVER ARMY IN
DISAPPOINTING MATCH

By I. M. MacTAVISH

This disappointing game was played in the intervals between the almost incessant long blasts of Referee Shepherd's whistle. There was far too much whistle and far too much need to make it a match that anyone will want to remember... in fact from several points of view it was one which is probably better forgotten.

The Tigers won because they took their chances and the Army lost mainly because of an unexpected weakness at right back. Hogan had just about his worst game of the season and two of the goals were the direct results of his mistakes.

Play got off to a sensational start. With only two minutes on the clock Sing Tao were awarded a penalty when Egerton, away out in the corner of the box, appeared at the most to obstruct a Tiger. The

award baffled the crowd, surprised the Sing Tao boys, and as Lo Kwok-tai scored from the spot, shook the Army.

It took the soldiers a long time to recover from this setback and only a couple of

brilliant saves by Charlesworth kept the Sing Tao lead to a solitary goal.

EQUILISER

Ng Wai-man was injured in a melee and had to leave the field for attention, but immediately after his return to the field, he was met in a tackle and as a result the soldier had to retire for medical attention. While he was being attended to on the side line Martin headed the equaliser into the Tigers' net.

The Army's patchwork looking side had no more unfamiliar look when the second half started. Mullett was hobbling at centre-forward with Chalmers at left-half and Tollevy at left-back.

Lo Kwok-tai put Sing Tao ahead midway through the half when he profiled from the half and Charlesworth had no chance to save.

Ng Wai-man, who had been a passenger for most of the game, was roving around on the right-wing and with almost the entire Army side up in the attack a loose ball was banged up field to him and he smacked the third and final goal into the net behind Charlesworth.

Although there were moments of excitement the game was over the piece, a poor one. It never really recovered from the shock of the early penalty and once the Tigers got in front, they played almost negative football with the ball being kicked 40 and often 50 yards back to the goalkeeper Tam Nai-huen with monotonous regularity.

In fact a spectator arriving near the end would have been excused the thought that both teams were attacking the same goal.

For the winners Hau Kung-sang had a good game punctuated with some typical Flash Harryisms. Sit Pei-yin tackled and cleared well but Lee Loy blotted his copy book and was summoned with Chalmers to the court of Referee Shepherd where both of them got a verbal warning at the end of a highly demonstrative warring.

GOOD SUPPORT
Lo Kwok-tai was the No. 1 forward and he got good support from Wong Tak-fook and Wong Kwok-kee. Yeung Wai-to was quite effective.

Charlesworth takes most of the Army honours but there were few others who collected any orders of merit. Egerton did quite well at centre-half but Tollevy was the most energetic defender. McMillan ran his usual miles and got involved in his usual spits. Hogan had 'one-of-these-days' when nothing went right.

The enforced changes destroyed the balance of the forward line in which there was not one outstanding character.

VERDICT
These two sides have emerged as the season's incomparables and some of the play was again unworthy of First Division players. The language used by one player was quite shocking. It could be heard in parts of the stand... apparently not by the referee... one wonders if the offender understood what he was saying.

The whistleless silence that followed the end of the game was the finest relief of the evening.

Teams
Sing Tao: Tam Nai-huen; Hau Kung-sang; Sit Pei-yin; Ng Wai-man, Chang Kam-hoi, Lee Loy; Wong Tak-fook, Yeung Wai-to, Wong Kwok-kee, Lo Kwok-tai, Lee Tak-tung.
Army: Charlesworth; Hogan; Mullett; McMillan, Egerton, Tollevy; Bowering, White, Chalmers, Martin and McLaughlin.

EUROPEAN SOCCER

Milan Beaten 4-2
By Real Madrid
In Semi-Final

Madrid, Apr. 19.
Real Madrid football team beat Milan 4-2 in their European Cup semi-final here today. Real Madrid led 3-2 at half-time.

The teams will play the second leg of the tie in Milan on May 1, after which the winner on goal aggregate will meet the French side Rheims in the Cup Final.—Reuter.

FLOODLIT SOCCER

Watford, Hertfordshire, Apr. 19.
Watford beat Barnley 4-2 in their floodlit match under floodlights here tonight.

Watford, the English League Division Three (South) side led 3-0 at half-time.—Reuter.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Tommy Atkins Clarifies

Sir,—May I have a few inches of your valuable space to reply to the letter from F. J. Wakeford, the Hon. Secy of the HKABA which you published yesterday.

Let me assure you that there were no incorrect or inaccurate statements in the Tommy Atkins Column on Wednesday regarding the reluctance of certain Army boxers to participate in the forthcoming Earl Haig Boxing Tournament.

The article contained only the facts as they were stated by the Army official responsible for the control of all Army boxers who wish to take part in a public competition. The accuracy of all the statements made in the article has again been fully verified.

In order that the situation may be understood clearly here is a brief chronicle of the recent events.

When the subject of Army boxers taking part in the Earl Haig show was first raised most of the top class boxers were already in Singapore for the FARELF Championships.

The request for their cooperation was sent by signal and the sad fact is that only five boxers—Rogers, Smith and Scott of the Northampton Litchfield of the North Staffs, and Tomlinson of the King's Own, signified their willingness to take part.

In view of the poor reply another direct approach was made to the boxers by a Hongkong representative who happened to be in Singapore on temporary duty. Again the response was negligible.

As stated by Mr Wakeford, the Competition Secretary of the HKABA was on hand to meet the boxers as they disembarked on their return to the Colony, but what he did not make quite clear was that he was there at the instigation of the Army BA.

He was also accompanied by an Army representative. The whole and sole object of the visit to the docks was to make another effort to persuade the boxers to take part in the promotion which after all has a very close connection with the Services.

The statement that 39 Army boxers volunteered could be somewhat misleading for among

the names on the list there are many who are far removed from the standard expected in a show of this nature.

On the other hand, however, the list did not and still does not include the names of some of the best Army boxers available in Hongkong... quite apart from those who are injured. The sole object of the Tommy Atkins Column is to present accurate reports on Army sporting affairs and it will be seen that this particular article, in common with all others, was based on the facts made available from the most reliable source. It was in no way incorrect—unintentionally or otherwise—as suggested by Mr Wakeford.

In common with all who love boxing and who admire the tenets of the Earl Haig Fund I hope the show will be a great success with or without any of our "reluctant heroes."

Yours in Sport,

TOMMY ATKINS

East And West
Germany To Enter
One Team For
Olympic Soccer

Duesseldorf.

West Germany, Apr. 19.
East and West Germany have decided to enter an All-German football team for the Olympic tournament. It was announced here today.

Representatives of the East and West German Football Associations have decided to play a joint eliminator at Ankara on June 6, and in the second eliminator in Germany on June 22.

The two trainers, Sepp Herberger (West Germany) and Oswald Neuenhofer (East Germany) will be jointly responsible for picking the teams.

East and West Germany were asked last February by the International Football Federation (FIFA) to decide whether to field a joint team, failing which only West Germany would be allowed to compete in the Olympics.—Reuter.

RECORD BREAKING RUN

Viskari Of Finland
Wins Boston Marathon
In 2:14:14

Boston, Apr. 19.

Finland's Antti Viskari today won the 60th Boston Marathon running race between Hopkinton and Boston.

Viskari won the race in the record breaking time of two hours, 14 minutes and 14 seconds. Second was American Johnny Kelley, in 2 hours, 14 minutes and 33 seconds.

The seemingly "invincible" record of 2 hours, 18 minutes and 22 seconds, which was established in the Boston Marathon last year by Hideyo Hamamura of Japan, was bettered today by Antti Viskari who ran the regulation 26.2-mile distance in 2:14:14.

Johnny Kelley, the younger, who finished second, was timed 2:14:33, 125 yards behind the winner. It was the fastest time ever turned in by an American runner.

Viskari and Kelley ran 17 miles almost shoulder to shoulder but the "Flying Finn" with great finishing kick opened up the gap in the hilly course seven miles from the finish.

Elo Oksanen, another Finn, was third in 2 hours, 17 minutes and 58 seconds, also under Hamamura's record.

ALMOST LEVEL

Viskari, from Helsinki, and Kelley were almost level when they reached the fourth checkpoint at Uxbridge, 16.8 miles along the course, in 1:27:29, more than a minute ahead of the old record at that point. That record was 1:29:35, set two years ago by Jimmy Peters of 165 runners set out for the run, which has now been

won eleven successive times by Non-Americans.

Viskari had about a 125-yard lead on Kelley, Eino Oksanen, another Finn, was third in 2:17:58. Nick Costes of Boston was fourth in 2:20:01.

All bettered Hamamura's record.

Viskari caught Kelley after 17 miles and then picked up a 10-yard lead at the top of the second of the three hills at Boston College some seven miles from the finish.

From there the Finn had too much speed for the little Bostonian.

Dean Thackeray of Boston was fifth in 2:20:24.

The Marathon was claimed to be the fastest in the history of such runs. The old record was 2:17:30, run by Jimmy Peters on a flat course in England.

OTHER PLACINGS
Leading placings after the first four were:
6—Dean Thackeray (Boston) 2:20:24.
7—Ted Corbitt (New York) 2:20:00.
8—Gordon Dickson (New York) 2:20:45.
9—Joe Tyler (United States Navy) 2:29:17.
10—Bob Cons (Los Angeles) 2:29:24.
11—Fred Wilt (New York) 2:29:27.—Reuter and Franco-Prisse.

11TH RACE MEETING
HANDICAPS

Handicaps at the Hongkong Jockey Club's Eleventh Race Meeting of the current season, to be held on April 28 and May 5, will be as follows:

FIRST DAY

RACE 1
Yamatul Handicap (Novices)
Class 5. From 2 M. Post:
Atomic Caesar (152), Cornhill (133), Crown Witness (138), Cursey (143), Fortuna (144), Kerrera (159), So Big (155), Tamerlane (145), The Kangaroo (157), Valbridge (145).

RACE 2
Shamshulpo Handicap (Class 5). From 1½ M. Post—Anniversary 10 (158), Bloride (139), Blossom Time (135), Dreadnought (143), Happy Warrior (143), Hawahwa (150), May Blossom (143), Not So Bad (148), Sky Horse (155), Stroin-leffer (140).

RACE 3
Matanchung Handicap (1st Sec.) Class 7. From 2 M. Post:
Avoca (147), Cover Girl (153), Diamond Queen (142), Dutch Courage (140), Easy Siam (144), Esquire (143), Hawaiian Moon (157), Invincible (145), Marl- anne (143), New Love (141), Ornage Beauty (151).

RACE 4
Hongkong Derby Acceptance. 1956 Ponies. (1½ Miles):
Balkan Monarch (147), Lombard (147), Norse King (147), Oscar Prize (147), Tell Me To-night (147).

RACE 5
Matanchung Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 7. From 2 M. Post:
Advance (137), Armament (143), Attractive Power (152), Brivisto (143), Eric Success (147), Gahan, Knight (159), Gay Sire (154), Ma Cherie (149), Marine Charger (140), Souvenir (150), Sultan (143).

RACE 6
Chungwan Handicap (Class 1). 6 Furlongs—Castle Peak (131), Charlot (135), Etaki (131), Marshall (135), Fire-glo (140), Iverson (152), Lightning Feet (140), Misty Law (157), Shiraz (153), Silver Wing (153), Strathlin (159), Winsome Stag (154).

RACE 7
Matanchung Handicap (Class 4). 1½ Miles—Anna (155), Bright Bay (151), Corvete (157), Diamond Dahlia (159), Flora (151), Icefield (140), Old Tyro (149).

RACE 8
Matanchung Handicap (Class 4). 6 Furlongs—All Gay (140), Apple Pie (137), Beautiful Joe (149), Beautiful Phoenix (148), Caesar (145), Emerald (151), Frenchy (150), Fieldmaster (140), Giddup (151), Kentucky Lady (147), Ping On (152), Potentially (157).

RACE 9
Hok-un Handicap (Class 7). From 1½ M. Post—Begonia

RACE 10
Tungtowan Handicap (Class 3). From 2 M. Post—American Carrot (152), Amusement (150), Best That (140), Can Do (151), Chatterbox (145), Cordon Rouge (150), Dragonfly (149), Empire Rose (142), Eudora (150), Fighting Spirit (145), Helicon (140), Huntington (142), Johnnie (142), Larc (140), Santa Maria (142), Sportsman (144), Super-King (137), Tom Thumb (154), Winning Rush (145).

RACE 11
Shanklin Handicap (Novices) Class 9. 1 Mile—Anapola (148), Calumity (140), Crest St Bon (148), Festival View (144), Full-of-Spirit (155), King Rider (153), Moutine (141), Scrabo (147), Tumbleweed (159), V.I.P. (138).

RACE 12
Pekfulam Handicap (1st Sec.) Class 5. 6 Furlongs—Chinese Mackerel (153), Citrus (151), Firestone (138), Full Ahead (155), Never Forget (146), Prince Dahlia (138), Squadron Leader (135), Sunstreak (148), Violet Ray (153).

RACE 13
Tai Hang Handicap (Class 5). 1½ Miles—Bengal Lancer (150), Eagle King (141), Easy Money (155), Every Day (149), Forward View (150), Goldfield (150), Lake Success (148), Seafire (151), Supreme Command (159), Tomyber (143), Wimming Touch (145).

RACE 14
Twin Wan Plate (1956 Ponies). From 1½ M. Post—Adonis (142), Ben Nevis (154), Burning Arrow (142), Calypso (150), Centre Court (140), Chetupum (140), Ever-glo (142), Glenshee (140), Lombard (152), Man On (140), Mayfair (142), Million Dollar (140), Ost (142), Peach Blossom (141), Red Light (140), Vingt Et Un (142).

RACE 15
Talkoktani Plate (1st Sec.) (1956 Ponies). 1 Mile—Aces High (147), Aladdin (147), Always There (147), Caravelle (147), Dutch Rocks (148), Easy Win (147), Gigan (147), Jeezbel (147), Kelpie (147), Supremacy (147).

RACE 16
Leitchok Plate (Class 2). 6 Furlongs—Ambition (138), Aviemore (150), Ben Lomond (153), Ben Moon (144), Johnnie (140), King A (140), Knock-again (138), New Jersey (135), Norse Girl (140), Rainbow (145), Straight Forward (145).

RACE 17
Talkoktani Plate (2nd Sec.) (1956 Ponies). 1 Mile—Belinda (147), Carola (147), Constellation (147), Jubilation (147), Mercury (147), Morning Dew (147), Pandora (147), Princess Ellen (147), Sabrina (147).

RACE 18
Pekfulam Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 5. 6 Furlongs—Gladie (138), Heilzapoppin (154), How Do I Know (140), Hurry On (157), Lawrence (157), Long Cue (150), Phoenix (144), Star-glo (154), Thousand Miles (159).

RACE 19
Salyngpun Handicap (Class 9). 1 Mile—Blazing (138), Colin (152), Desert Gold (148), Donna Maria (141), Henrietta (148), Isis (138), Many Returns (150), Pearl Diver (152), Pearl of Hongkong (147), Rider's Wish (143), Roue d'or (155), Senoia (143), Southern Cross (151), Zermar (138).

RACE 20
Monack Handicap (Class 2). 1½ Miles—Belle (159), Chert- tal (158), Gabriel Jones (151), Golden Branch (156), Knock-out (158), Quickwater (142), Raja (147), Remembrance (150), The Champ (153), Tip Top (148), Winsome (145).

RACE 21
Note—1956 ponies. Tin Kau Plate has been cancelled and the Entries transferred to Talkoktani Plate which will be run in two sections—ONE MILE instead of FROM THE TWO MILE POST.

RACE 22
Shanklin Handicap (Novices) Class 9. 1 Mile—Adonis (142), Ben Nevis (154), Burning Arrow (142), Calypso (150), Centre Court (140), Chetupum (140), Ever-glo (142), Glenshee (140), Lombard (152), Man On (140), Mayfair (142), Million Dollar (140), Ost (142), Peach Blossom (141), Red Light (140), Vingt Et Un (142).

RACE 23
Talkoktani Plate (1st Sec.) (1956 Ponies). 1 Mile—Aces High (147), Aladdin (147), Always There (147), Caravelle (147), Dutch Rocks (148), Easy Win (147), Gigan (147), Jeezbel (147), Kelpie (147), Supremacy (147).

RACE 24
Leitchok Plate (Class 2). 6 Furlongs—Ambition (138), Aviemore (150), Ben Lomond (153), Ben Moon (144), Johnnie (140), King A (140), Knock-again (138), New Jersey (135), Norse Girl (140), Rainbow (145), Straight Forward (145).

RACE 25
Talkoktani Plate (2nd Sec.) (1956 Ponies). 1 Mile—Belinda (147), Carola (147), Constellation (147), Jubilation (147), Mercury (147), Morning Dew (147), Pandora (147), Princess Ellen (147), Sabrina (147).

RACE 26
Pekfulam Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 5. 6 Furlongs—Gladie (138), Heilzapoppin (154), How Do I Know (140), Hurry On (157), Lawrence (157), Long Cue (150), Phoenix (144), Star-glo (154), Thousand Miles (159).

RACE 27
Salyngpun Handicap (Class 9). 1 Mile—Blazing (138), Colin (152), Desert Gold (148), Donna Maria (141), Henrietta (148), Isis (138), Many Returns (150), Pearl Diver (152), Pearl of Hongkong (147), Rider's Wish (143), Roue d'or (155), Senoia (143), Southern Cross (151), Zermar (138).

RACE 28
Monack Handicap (Class 2). 1½ Miles—Belle (159), Chert- tal (158), Gabriel Jones (151), Golden Branch (156), Knock-out (158), Quickwater (142), Raja (147), Remembrance (150), The Champ (153), Tip Top (148), Winsome (145).

RACE 29
Note—1956 ponies. Tin Kau Plate has been cancelled and the Entries transferred to Talkoktani Plate which will be run in two sections—ONE MILE instead of FROM THE TWO MILE POST.

RACE 30
Shanklin Handicap (Novices) Class 9. 1 Mile—Adonis (142), Ben Nevis (154), Burning Arrow (142), Calypso (150), Centre Court (140), Chetupum (140), Ever-glo (142), Glenshee (140), Lombard (152), Man On (140), Mayfair (142), Million Dollar (140), Ost (142), Peach Blossom (141), Red Light (140), Vingt Et Un (142).

RACE 31
Talkoktani Plate (1st Sec.) (1956 Ponies). 1 Mile—Aces High (147), Aladdin (147), Always There (147), Caravelle (147), Dutch Rocks (148), Easy Win (147), Gigan (147), Jeezbel (147), Kelpie (147), Supremacy (147).

RACE 32
Leitchok Plate (Class 2). 6 Furlongs—Ambition (138), Aviemore (150), Ben Lomond (153), Ben Moon (144), Johnnie (140), King A (140), Knock-again (138), New Jersey (135), Norse Girl (140), Rainbow (145), Straight Forward (145).

RACE 33
Talkoktani Plate (2nd Sec.) (1956 Ponies). 1 Mile—Belinda (147), Carola (147), Constellation (147), Jubilation (147), Mercury (147), Morning Dew (147), Pandora (147), Princess Ellen (147), Sabrina (147).

RACE 34
Pekfulam Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 5. 6 Furlongs—Gladie (138), Heilzapoppin (154), How Do I Know (140), Hurry On (157), Lawrence (157), Long Cue (150), Phoenix (144), Star-glo (154), Thousand Miles (159).

RACE 35
Salyngpun Handicap (Class 9). 1 Mile—Blazing (138), Colin (152), Desert Gold (148), Donna Maria (141), Henrietta (148), Isis (138), Many Returns (150), Pearl Diver (152), Pearl of Hongkong (147), Rider's Wish (143), Roue d'or (155), Senoia (143), Southern Cross (151), Zermar (138).

RACE 36
Monack Handicap (Class 2). 1½ Miles—Belle (159), Chert- tal (158), Gabriel Jones (151), Golden Branch (156), Knock-out (158), Quickwater (142), Raja (147), Remembrance (150), The Champ (153), Tip Top (148), Winsome (145).

RACE 37
Note—1956 ponies. Tin Kau Plate has been cancelled and the Entries transferred to Talkoktani Plate which will be run in two sections—ONE MILE instead of FROM THE TWO MILE POST.

RACE 38
Shanklin Handicap (Novices) Class 9. 1 Mile—Adonis (142), Ben Nevis (154), Burning Arrow (142), Calypso (150), Centre Court (140), Chetupum (140), Ever-glo (142), Glenshee (140), Lombard (152), Man On (140), Mayfair (142), Million Dollar (140), Ost (142), Peach Blossom (141), Red Light (140), Vingt Et Un (142).

RACE 39
Talkoktani Plate (1st Sec.) (1956 Ponies). 1 Mile—Aces High (147), Aladdin (147), Always There (147), Caravelle (147), Dutch Rocks (148), Easy Win (147), Gigan (147), Jeezbel (147), Kelpie (147), Supremacy (147).

RACE 40
Leitchok Plate (Class 2). 6 Furlongs—Ambition (138), Aviemore (150), Ben Lomond (153), Ben Moon (144), Johnnie (140), King A (140), Knock-again (138), New Jersey (135), Norse Girl (140), Rainbow (145), Straight Forward (145).

RACE 41
Talkoktani Plate (2nd Sec.) (1956 Ponies). 1 Mile—Belinda (147), Carola (147), Constellation (147), Jubilation (147), Mercury (147), Morning Dew (147), Pandora (147), Princess Ellen (147), Sabrina (147).

RACE 42
Pekfulam Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 5. 6 Furlongs—Gladie (138), Heilzapoppin (154), How Do I Know (140), Hurry On (157), Lawrence (157), Long Cue (150), Phoenix (144), Star-glo (154), Thousand Miles (159).

RACE 43
Salyngpun Handicap (Class 9). 1 Mile—Blazing (138), Colin (152), Desert Gold (148), Donna Maria (141), Henrietta (148), Isis (138), Many Returns (150), Pearl Diver (152), Pearl of Hongkong (147), Rider's Wish (143), Roue d'or (155), Senoia (143), Southern Cross (151), Zermar (138).

RACE 44
Monack Handicap (Class 2). 1½ Miles—Belle (159), Chert- tal (158), Gabriel Jones (151), Golden Branch (156), Knock-out (158), Quickwater (142), Raja (147), Remembrance (150), The Champ (153), Tip Top (148), Winsome (145).

RACE 45
Note—1956 ponies. Tin Kau Plate has been cancelled and the Entries transferred to Talkoktani Plate which will be run in two sections—ONE MILE instead of FROM THE TWO MILE POST.

RACE 46
Shanklin Handicap (Novices) Class 9. 1 Mile—Adonis (142), Ben Nevis (154), Burning Arrow (142), Calypso (150), Centre Court (140), Chetupum (140), Ever-glo (142), Glenshee (140), Lombard (152), Man On (140), Mayfair (142), Million Dollar (140), Ost (142), Peach Blossom (141), Red Light (140), Vingt Et Un (142).

RACE 47
Talkoktani Plate (1st Sec.) (1956 Ponies). 1 Mile—Aces High (147), Aladdin (147), Always There (147), Caravelle (147), Dutch Rocks (148), Easy Win (147), Gigan (147), Jeezbel (147), Kelpie (147), Supremacy (147).

RACE 48
Leitchok Plate (Class 2). 6 Furlongs—Ambition (138), Aviemore (150), Ben Lomond (153), Ben Moon (144), Johnnie (140), King A (140), Knock-again (138), New Jersey (135), Norse Girl (140), Rainbow (145), Straight Forward (145).

RACE 49
Talkoktani Plate (2nd Sec.) (1956 Ponies). 1 Mile—Belinda (147), Carola (147), Constellation (147), Jubilation (147), Mercury (147), Morning Dew (147), Pandora (147), Princess Ellen (147), Sabrina (147).

RACE 50
Pekfulam Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 5. 6 Furlongs—Gladie (138), Heilzapoppin (154), How Do I Know (140), Hurry On (157), Lawrence (157), Long Cue (150), Phoenix (144), Star-glo (154), Thousand Miles (159).

RACE 51
Salyngpun Handicap (Class 9). 1 Mile—Blazing (138), Colin (152), Desert Gold (148), Donna Maria (141), Henrietta (148), Isis (138), Many Returns (150), Pearl Diver (152), Pearl of Hongkong (147), Rider's Wish (143), Roue d'or (155), Senoia (143), Southern Cross (151), Zermar (138).

By "RECORDER"

<p>YOUNG ONES</p> <p>Other very young athletes who have done well are Australia's 16-year-old Colin Ridgway who cleared 6 feet 5½ inches in the High Jump and New Zealand's 15-year-old</p>		<p>4:50.2 John Murray (Australia)</p> <p>4:50.2 John Murray (Australia)</p> <p>4:50.2 Ian Boyd (England)</p> <p>4:50.2 P. Abrahams (England)</p> <p>4:10.0 Jim Dalziel (Australia)</p> <p>4:10.0 Bill Baile (N. Zealand)</p> <p>4:10.0 John Murray (Australia)</p> <p>4:10.0 Alan Lawrence (Australia)</p> <p>4:10.0 Geoff Fleming (Australia)</p> <p>4:10.0 Dave Stephens (Australia)</p>	<p>12:20 Ron Jackson (Australia)</p> <p>12:20 H. Barclay (Australia)</p> <p>11:19 J. B. Olotu (Nigeria)</p>
		<p>LONG JUMP</p>	
		<p>24: 8½ Neville Price (S. Africa)</p> <p>24: 8½ Gordon van Vollenhoven (Africa)</p> <p>24: 8½ Gordon van Vollenhoven (Africa)</p> <p>24: 8½ Karam Okoro (Nigeria)</p>	

Men's Singles: Sirola, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2, Perry (US) beat Bergamo (Italy), 6-3, 6-3.
Women's Singles: Giba (US) beat Weiss (Argentina), 6-2, 6-3, Men's Doubles: Bonhoefer and Rizzo (Italy) beat Pirzadeh and Naeem (Pakistan), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, Tasso and Gilevotti (Italy) beat Hirki (Finland) and F. (Switzerland), 6-7, 6-1.—*France Presse*.

chosen to represent IRC against DRS in a second Division League Cricket match at Sookuripo tomorrow at 1.30 p.m.

S. E. M. Bux, S. Adem Khan, I. Khatri, L. Khatibi, B. K. Chahal, R. Shetty, S. A. Bux, A. Rashid Abbas, S. A. K. Bux, A. S. Namjath, A. M. Wafah Jr. 1945, Mani, M. A. Arculli, Umpire: B. Smith. Score: Victor Abbas 100.

Dr. J. R. Brown,
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18.4.91

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at 11.30 a.m., to receive the
Directors' Report and the
Statement of Accounts, to
declare a dividend and to
transact the ordinary business
of the Society.

The SHARE TRANSFER
BOOKS of the Society will be
CLOSED from 5th May to
24th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
L. R. STONE,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 20th April, 1956.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

"PERSEUS"
Damaged cargo ex this vessel will
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French Perfume Industry Setback

Paris, Apr. 19.
The French perfume industry has suffered a severe setback from the unprecedented weather conditions in the South of France this past winter. Effects of the "deep freeze" which ravaged flower fields round Grasse in January and February, are expected to triple wholesale prices of essential oils throughout the coming year.

The annual turnover of per-
fumes and by-products amounts
to 50,000 million francs (about
£2,000,000,000) or nearly
100,000,000 dollars. In a good
year, but 1956 will go down in
the industry's history as the
year of a virtual aromatic
drought.

If existing stocks do not prove
sufficiently large to tide the
market over another season, the
vogue for floral essences may
temporarily give way to heavier
and more sophisticated per-
fumes.

Composed Fragrance

Grasse and its neighbourhood
supply such well known basic
oils as lavender, jasmine,
tuberose, carnation, ranunculus
and orange blossom, as well as
thyme and other herbs. But
many excellent French perfumes
are distilled from the oils of
roots, spices, and musks, or may
be completely "man made".

Basically, there are three
different formulae for contriving
a perfume: a pure floral essence
such as "jasmine" or "rose"; a
"composed fragrance" artificially
combining a mixture of various
oils; and the "synthetic blend",
made entirely of chemical in-
gredients in a laboratory.

No perfume of any kind could
retain its staying qualities with-
out the fixative, which, curiously,
has a strong and unpleasant
odour derived from animal
extract.

The origin of French perfumes
is as old as Paris itself, although
the first known corporation of
perfume makers was founded
only in 1180 under Philippe
Auguste. A century ago, the
country had 110 authorised
factories, combining an annual
turnover of 10,000,000 gold
francs.

Today, France is still the un-
disputed leader of the world
market. Exports go as far as
Soviet Russia, which places large
orders indirectly through Swit-
zerland.

Newest Star

Overall prices covering every
phase of the industry have risen
nearly 43 per cent since before
World War II, but France's
current yearly exports are still
counted in tens of thousands of
metric tons.

The newest star in the glitter-
ing armament of famous per-
fumes, was launched last
November by the Parisian Jew-
eller, Sterle. "Huit-huit", the
technical name for a specific
diamond cut, is likewise known
as the world's most expensive

perfume, retailing in France at
28,000 francs (£28 or 80
dollars) for only third of an
ounce. Yet, in spite of its high
price, more than 50 gillons have
been sold during the past four
months.

The formula of this sweet and
clinging perfume combines oils
from the rose, jasmine and
Japanese camellia, subtly blend-
ed with spice and musk.

Packaging plays an important
part in sales appeal. Frequently,
a relatively unknown perfume
wins popularity because of its
attractive phal. Some presenta-
tions are as famous as the scent
itself, and have become a kind
of trademark. Among these is
Schaparelli's "Schocking" bottle,
in the shape of a nude torso of
a woman.

Wedding Ring

"Huit-huit" features a clever
idea in the crystal stopper of its
bottle, which is cut with facets
like an octagonally shaped dia-
mond solitaire. An 18 carat
gold wedding ring makes a
collar round the neck of the
bottle, and can be removed for
wear if required.

Fashions in perfume vary as
much as modes in silhouette and
millinery. A perfume which
suits one woman may be com-
pletely wrong for another
owing to the physical reaction
of skin pigmentation, quite apart
from the questions of individual
taste and personality.

Perfume Wardrobe

Climatic and seasonal changes,
time and place are important
factors in wearing a perfume.
Generally, women prefer a
heavier exotic type during the
winter, turning to fresh and
feminine floral essences during
the summer months.
A French woman with a real
"perfume wardrobe" would not
use the same perfume in the
country as she would wear in
town, and would likewise vary
the type with the hour of the
day. — China Mail Special.

Stock Exchange In Flames



Disturbances In Spanish Enclave

Rabat, Apr. 19.

El Alam, newspaper of the
Moroccan Nationalist Istiglal
Party, today published first
detailed reports of the dis-
turbances which took place
in the Spanish enclave of
Ifni, southern Morocco, on
April 10.

The newspaper said that
Spanish police fired on demon-
strators who were carrying
Moroccan flags. Two or three
Moroccans were killed and five
injured in the shooting. Angry
demonstrators then attacked the
police.

To restore calm in the
enclave, the Spanish authorities
allowed the local population to
celebrate the unification and
independence of Morocco. These
celebrations took place on April
11 and 12.

Spanish officials promised
that the persons who had been
arrested and called would be
allowed to return home when
complete calm had been
restored, the newspaper said. —
France-Press.

ALASKA'S FORMER GOVERNOR STILL WIELDS INFLUENCE

Anchorage, Apr. 19.

Mr Ernest Gruening, former Governor
and now Alaska's nearest approach to an
"elder statesman," is exerting a greater
influence in the Territory today than he
ever did while in office.

Political observers here
believe that if and when Alaska
attains the political status of a
state, this former Governor will
be able to take his choice of
any office to which he would
like to be elected.

At the recent Constitution
Convention, held on the campus
of the University of Alaska,
Ernest Gruening was only a
guest and spectator. Yet he
was the most outstanding figure
present.

Political Enemies

There is probably not even a
handful of people living in
Alaska today who have not
heard his name. And there are
probably not many more among
the political leaders of the
United States who have not
encountered Mr Gruening and
his forceful arguments for
Alaska and its claim to state-
hood.

But, although he still has his
share of political enemies here
and in the United States, his
personal popularity appears to
have increased even above that
which he enjoyed during his
last years in office.

Mr Gruening has not always
been popular with Alaskans.
Indeed, when he came to
Alaska to take office in 1939, he
was probably one of the most
disliked men in the Territory.

The story goes that on his
way north, he met one of
Alaska's veteran newspapermen.
He asked this man how he
thought the new Governor
would get along with the
Alaskans, and got the answer:
"You won't. Especially if you
tell them how to run things.
They don't want to be bossed
by anybody from outside."

Dispute

Mr Gruening became Alaska's
chief executive under the same
handicap as most of the
Territory's previous Governors.
He was an outsider and a
nominee of a far-away Govern-
ment in Washington.

Alaska had been under
United States control since 1867
and in all those years, Alaskans
had always complained that they
received only a bare amount of
self-rule.

They had come to distrust and
look with suspicion on the
Federal nominees, and particu-
larly the majority who were
given federal posts in Alaska
without ever having lived in the
Territory.

The new Governor's back-
ground had little to suggest that
he might be different from the
rest.

He was born in New York
City in 1887 and educated at
Harvard University. The son
of a physician, he gave up a
career in medicine to enter
journalism and served his ap-
prenticeship in Boston.

He later returned to New
York where at one time he was
managing editor of the New
York Tribune, New York Post
and The Nation magazine.

Wrote Book

Mr Gruening's interest in
Latin-American affairs led him
into newspaper campaigns to
withdraw United States Marines
from Haiti, Santo Domingo and
Nicaragua.

It also led him to make a
trip to Mexico to report on that
country's condition following the
Mexican revolution.

A book, "Mexico and its
Heritage," was the result.
Published in 1928, it is still in
print and is regarded as such
an authoritative study that it is
still used by the United States
State Department to brief its
employees concerning Mexico.

The first Government appoint-
ment for Mr Gruening came in
1939, as an adviser to the
United States delegation to the
seventh Inter-American con-
ference in Montevideo.

The following year he was
appointed by President
Roosevelt to head a new
Government Agency, the
Division of Territories and
Island Possessions under the
Department of the Interior.

Stormy Years

The agency was formed to
supervise Federal relations with
Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, the
Virgin Islands, the Eastern
Islands and the Philippines. As
its head, Mr Gruening twice
visited Alaska and became
familiar with its problems.

In 1939, when President
Roosevelt was faced with ap-
pointing a new Governor for
Alaska, Mr Gruening seemed
the logical man for the job.

But the choice did not appear
as logical to many Alaskans and
his first years in office were
more often stormy than not.

Senator Richard Neuberger,
who spent three years in Alaska
as a civilian and serviceman,
realized recently that at the
time the dominant question
which separated Alaskans was:
"How do you stand on
Gruening? Are you for Gruen-
ing or against Gruening? Do
you like him or do you detest
him?"

The new Governor was not
long in learning that he and his
policies for Alaska were not
universally popular.

In 1941, he proposed a
modern tax programme for the
Territory to enable Alaska to
retain some part of the great
wealth which was being drained
away by United States firms.

Tireless Traveller

The 1941 Territorial legisla-
ture defeated it, however.

Nevertheless, in the years that
followed, Governor Gruening
was able to get approval for
much of his tax reform pro-
gramme as well as many other
progressive measures to help the
Territory.

While in office, Mr Gruening
was a tireless traveller and his
was one thing which gradually
earned him the respect and
liking of many Alaskans.

He spent long hours flying
over Alaska's scenic country,
going to many remote villages
which had never before been
visited by high Government
officials.

He also earned the respect of
Alaska for his skillful leader-
ship of the Territory through
the difficult years of World War
II.

With the landing of Japanese
forces in the Aleutian Islands,
the war came closer to Alaska
than to many Americans and
they wholeheartedly supported
the Governor when he organized
the Territorial Guard, which
became known as "Gruening's
Guards."

When the national adminis-
tration changed in 1952 and Mr
Gruening prepared to leave
office, he had been Alaska's
chief executive for longer than
any previous Governor and it
was with honest regret that
the Alaskans saw him return
to private life. — China Mail
Special.

Olympic Games Souvenir Restrictions

Canberra, Apr. 19.

The Australian Govern-
ment has announced restric-
tions on the use of portraits
or effigies of the Royal
Family in connection with
the Duke of Edinburgh's
visit to the Olympic Games
at Melbourne in November.

Articles on which these por-
traits or effigies are used must
be classified as souvenirs of the
Duke's visit and this must be
made apparent on each article.
The regulation says the im-
pression must not be given that
the product or firm has Royal
patronage.

Photographs of Prince Charles
and Princess Anne must not be
used other than as portraits on
postcards or calendars.

Reproduction of the Royal coat
of arms or the Australian flag
on manufactured articles is pro-
hibited without special approval.
— Reuter.

CATHOLIC CHURCH APPEAL

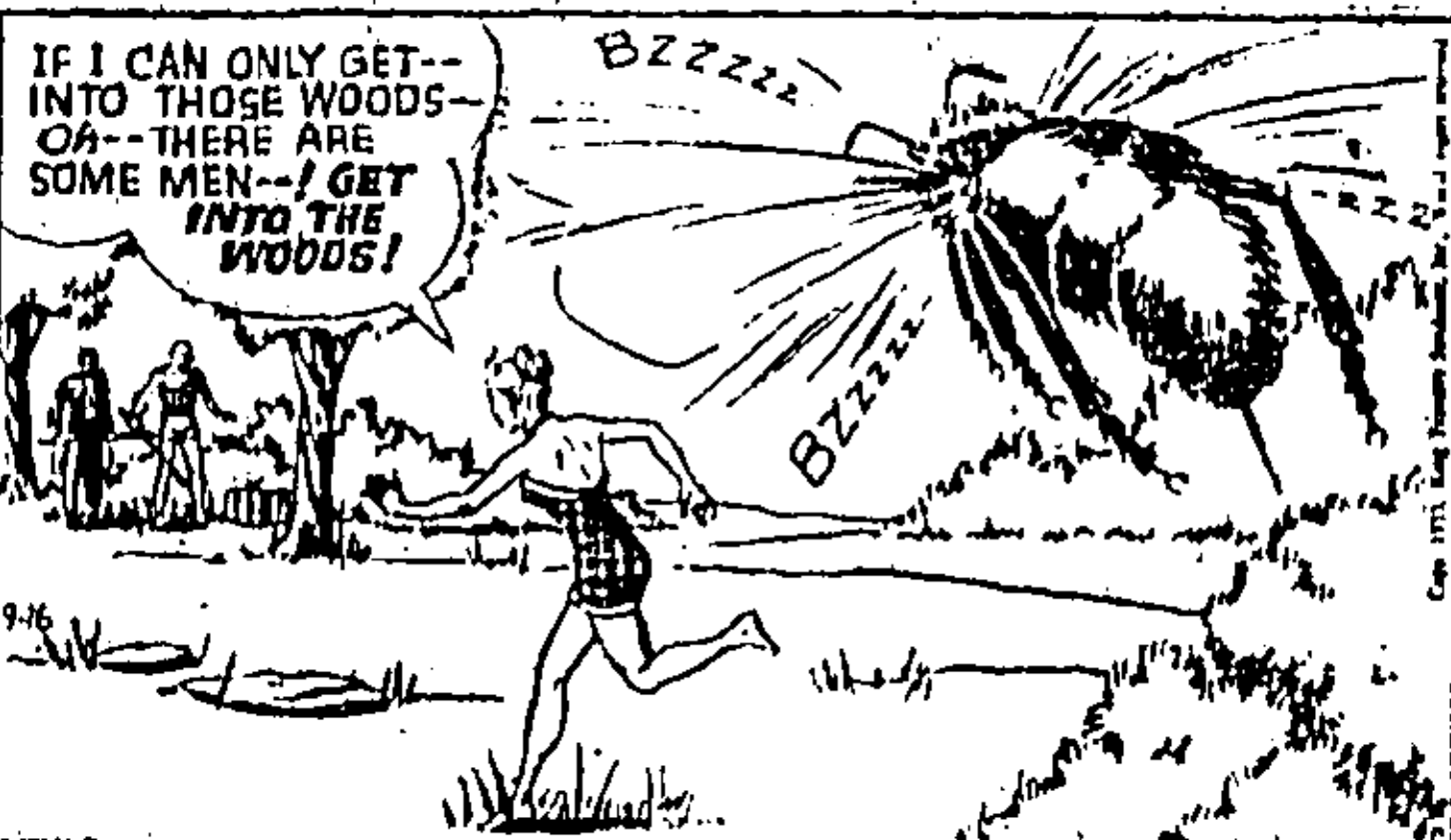
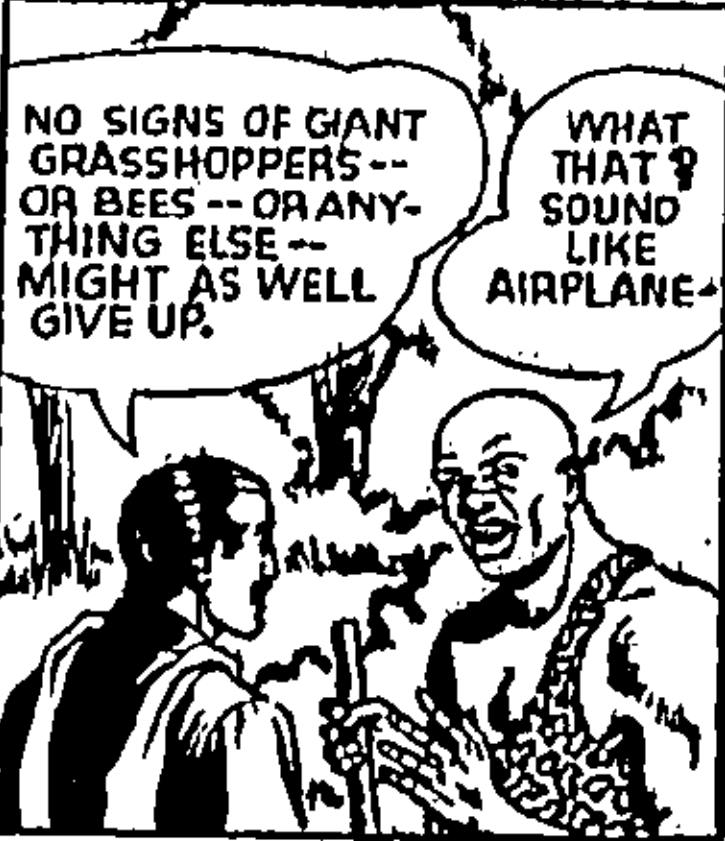
Madrid, Apr. 19.

All the archbishops and
bishops of Spain signed an
appeal issued today, which
calls on Catholic intellectuals
to submit to the doctrine of the
Church.

The appeal said that
dangerous deviations of
Catholic orthodox doctrine had
recently become evident in
Spain.

No one can be a good
Catholic who criticises the
ecclesiastical authority of bishops
and priests, the appeal said. —
France-Press.

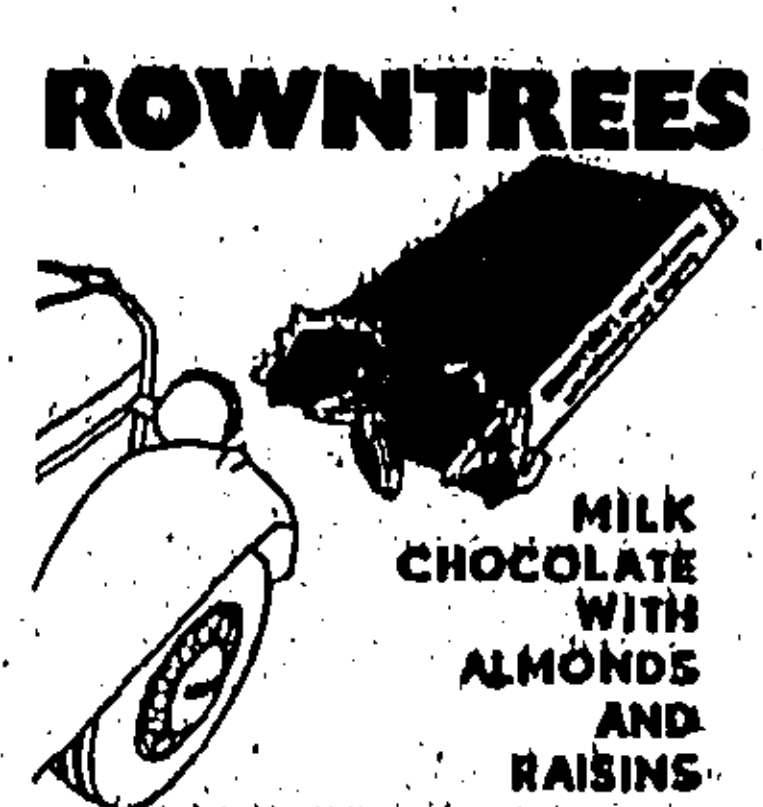
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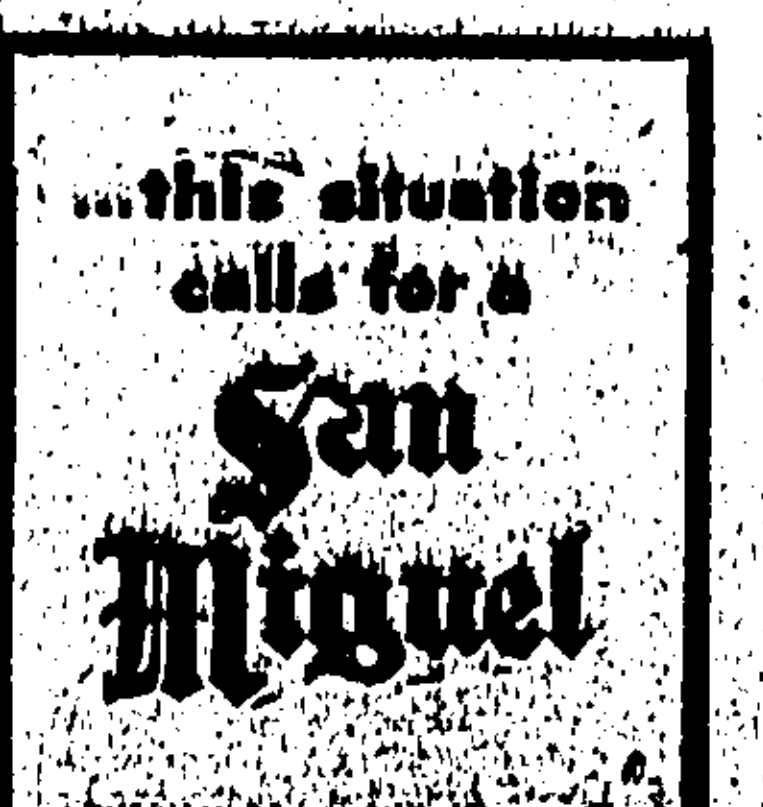
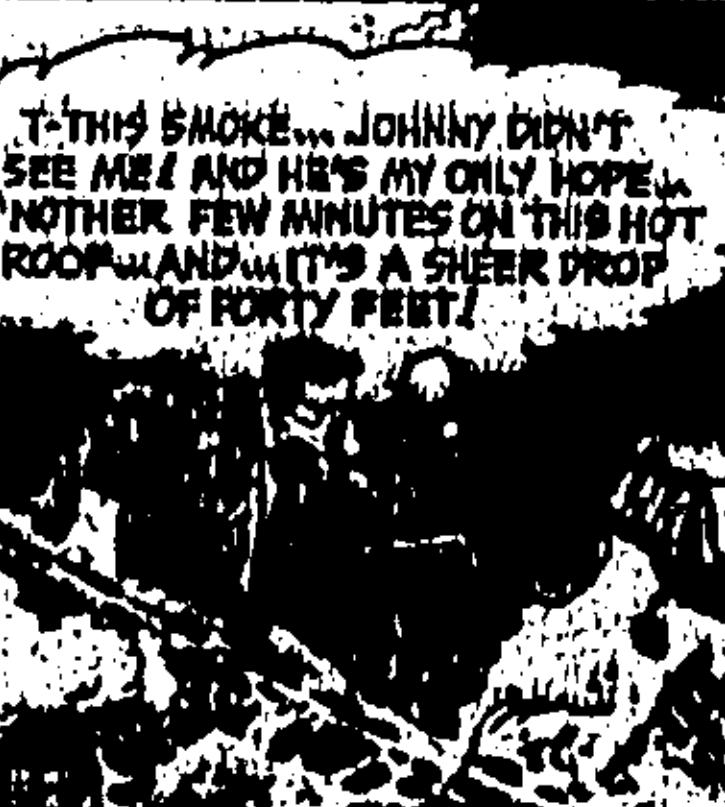
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

SHARE MARKET TURNS DULL

TURNOVER FALLS TO \$3.17m

by A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The share market turned dull this week and prices on the whole kept fairly steady. But prices showed a hardening tendency yesterday.

There was a sharp drop in turnover — from \$7.31 last week to \$3.17 this week.

In the Utility section interest was chiefly centred on the new issues though both China Lights were better.

With most of the first dividends declared this decline in activity has to be expected, brokers say. Last week, broken sales, Chinese banks were more active and there were reports of an increased inflow of money from overseas Chinese.

But demand fell away in most stocks this week.

Interest in Wheelocks

One of the few to attract attention was Wheelocks which rose 15 cents on a total turnover of 38,100 shares.

Hongkong Wharf, which went ex dividend last week before last, tacked on another 4 1/2 to

WORLD COTTON MARKETS

New York, Apr. 19. Cotton futures today reacted sharply after a mixed opening, dropping around \$1 a bale, then irregularly retraced about half of the lost ground.

At the close the list ruled 4 points higher to 12 points lower. Opening prices were up 7 to off 5 points. New Orleans closed up \$1 to off 11 points. The uncertain price action, traders said, continued to reflect doubts over the impact of the Government's raw cotton export programme in the futures market, and disappointment over the lower interim support rate, both announced late Tuesday.

Trading developed activity in spurts, with the commission houses, local professional traders and various dealer interests shifting from one side to the other in a move to adjust market positions pending first sales expected next week, out of the Government surplus stock.

The nearby July delivery showed relative weakness at times, extra liquidation there was in anticipation of heavy contract tenders. Experts recalled that July will be the last month under the 15/16-inch contract base.

October also met scattered selling against purchases of distant May on the theory that hedging pressure may be heavier in the autumn when the new crop will be under harvest at a time when first shipments for export begin under the surplus sales programme.

The certificated stock remained unchanged at 11,200 bales.

Month	Volume	Open Interest
May	34,600	210,100
July	47,000	200,200
October	38,100	115,300
December	—	—
March	—	—
May	17,800	115,000
July	5,400	90,700
October	700	2,000
Total	93,700	1,600,200 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	30.80
May	31.75
July	32.00-01
Oct.	32.00-12
Dec.	32.10
Mar.	32.20
May	32.31
July	32.51
Oct.	30.90

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	30.40
May	30.70
July	31.00
Oct.	31.10
Dec.	31.20
Mar.	31.30
May	31.40
July	31.50
Oct.	30.90

LIVERPOOL

Futures closings, in pence per lb., were as follows:

Old contract	24.70
New contract	24.80
May	24.90
July	25.00
Oct.	25.10
Dec.	25.20
Mar.	25.30
May	25.40
July	25.50
Oct.	25.60

Egyptian, Persian, May/June, 24.70-24.80. Suez Canal, 24.70-24.80. United Press.

★ The Share Market At A Glance ★

	Mar 22	Mar 29	Apr 5	Apr 12	Apr 19	Up or down
HK Bank	1070	1070	1080	1085	1080	—50
Lombard	80b	80 1/2b	80 1/2b	80 1/2b	80b	—10
Union	970	970a	970a	980b	980	—10
Underwriters	9.30a	9.30a	9.30a	9.30a	9.30a	—
Union Wharf	17 1/2b	17 1/2b	17 1/2b	19	18 1/2b	—15c
Wheelocks	8.20	8.40	8.35	8.30	8.45	+15c
HK Wharf	72	72b	73b	71 1/2xd	70	—25c
HK Dock	22xd	22 1/2b	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	—10c
Provident	12.80bxd	13.10	13.20b	13.70	13.80	+10c
HK Hotels	14.50a	14.20	14.20	13.90	13.90	—10c
HK Land	69	60	61	61 1/2	61 1/2	—10c
Alumina	18.10a	17 1/2	17.00a	17 1/2	17 1/2	—5c
HK Realty	1.45	1.40b	1.45b	1.475	1.425b	—10c
HK Trams	22.60a	23	22.90	22.00	22.50	+10c
Star Ferry	125b	125a	135a	130b	131a	+10c
Yuenmala	101b	101	101	101	101	—
Ch Lights (a)	20.20	21 1/2	22	22	22.40	+20c
Ch Lights (n)	17.00a	18.70	19 1/2	19.40	19.70b	+30c
Electric	28.80	29.70	29.80	30	29.70b	—30c
HK Telephone	21.80	22.20	22.60	22.90	22.90b	+40c
G.I. Cement	33 1/2	34 1/2	34	34	33 1/2	—50c
Dairy Farm	17.10	17.10	17.10	16.70xd	16.10b	—10c
A.S. Watson	10.60	11	11.20	11.20	11.10	—10c
Lane Crawford	34 1/2	34a	35	34	34a	—
Anglo	5.20m	5.10m	5.10	5.10	5.15n	+50
HK & FE Inv	11.30m	11.30m	11.30m	11.30a	11.30b	—
Textile Corp	5.20b	5.40	5.25b	5.25	5.25b	—
Nanyang	7.40b	7.50b	7.40b	7 1/2b	7.80	+30c

New York Silver Price Drops

New York, Apr. 19. Handy & Harman, bullion dealers, today quoted silver at 90 1/2 cents a fine ounce, off 1 cent from yesterday and the first drop in price since April 3. The price last changed on April 9 when it rose 1/2 cent to 91 cents.

The slight changes in the price of the white metal in the past couple of months have reflected regular supply-demand factors.

In London, spot silver held unchanged at 78 1/2 pence.—United Press.

Germany's Amazing Building Boom

THREE MILLION HOUSES RISE FROM THE ASHES

Bonn, Apr. 19.

West Germany, whose major cities were destroyed in World War II, has built more than 3 million new homes since 1949 and expects to reach an all-time record of 550,000 this year.

Construction of these homes costs an estimated capital outlay of about \$3,491,000 and has provided shelter for roughly 12,000,000 people. But Bonn Government authorities estimate that 3,200,000 housing units are still needed to provide one for every West German family.

THE CAPITAL

In 1955 the capital outlay on housing totalled about \$2,765,000. The Government estimates that 47 per cent of this sum was financed on open capital market through savings banks, building societies, mortgage institutions, insurance companies and social insurance institutions.

Another 30 per cent was financed by subsidies from the Federal Government, state or local governments and other use of public money.

The remaining 23 per cent was financed privately through individual capital, loans by employers, advance rent payments and so-called "contributions to building costs" by prospective tenants.

Since 1951 financing on the open capital market has played an increasingly important role in Germany's housing campaign. In 1951 less than 30 per cent was financed in this manner, whereas this year it is expected to be about 50 per cent.

The reason for this is that West Germany's acute capital shortage which followed the 1949 currency reform has been overcome to a great extent and banks, insurance companies and building societies have capital to lend at much more favourable rates than a few years ago.

The interest rates on mortgages, which ran as high as 12 per cent five or six years ago, have now dropped to 4 1/2 per cent.

LOWER-WAGE GROUPS

Government-subsidised building is designed to aid the lowest income groups. Under this programme the federal, state or local governments offer loans to builders at usually low interest rates.

Housing units constructed under these programmes are controlled by the local housing offices and are allocated only to high priority categories of applicants. These include families bombed out during World War II who still have no homes, former war prisoners and prisoners recently released from the Soviet Union and refugees from the Soviet zone.

The size of these apartments is limited by law and they may be rented out only at low cost. The maximum rent is 1/8 per square metre monthly. An average apartment of this kind would be rented at from \$2-1/2 to \$3-1/2 a month. The average wage of a West

German unskilled worker is about \$2.25.

Another form of government subsidy is granting of relief to the builders. Grants are not controlled for these apartments except in special circumstances and they are not subject to control and distribution by the housing offices. But the builder must undertake to construct such homes only as part of a specific government-supported housing programme.

'CONTRIBUTIONS'

One of the most common forms of private financing is the levying of so-called "contributions to building costs." In some cases these have to be paid down before construction of the building begins at all. In other cases they must be paid to the builder before an apartment may be taken over.

Some forms of "contributions to building costs" can be offset and deducted from the rent over the next eight or 10 years. In other cases—generally where the rent is lower—the "contributions" are merely a legalised form of "key money."

The amount varies in different cities but a good average is around \$228 to \$237 per room for apartments in good locations. In the case of smaller apartments in working class districts the total may be only around \$150 for a three-room apartment.

The fact that few workers in private Germany have any private savings to finance such outlays results in frequent requests to their employers for loans to cover them. Banks usually refuse small loans.

COSTS SOAR

Building costs in West Germany generally have shot sky-high since the Korean war. At present they are roughly two-and-a-half times the pre-war figure, which is somewhat more than the increase in wages during that period.

In an effort to halt a dangerous slump in coal production and a drift away from the mines the Bonn Government has launched a special programme of housing construction for coal miners. The programme calls for construction of 23,000 homes this year, mostly in the Ruhr area.—United Press.

London Foreign Exchange

London, Apr. 19. The market was quiet with the spot quoted at 27 1/2 pence No. 1. Rates were: No. 1, 27 1/2; No. 2, 27 1/2; No. 3, 27 1/2; No. 4, 27 1/2; No. 5, 27 1/2; No. 6, 27 1/2; No. 7, 27 1/2; No. 8, 27 1/2; No. 9, 27 1/2; No. 10, 27 1/2. United Press.

TODAY'S SHARE PRICES

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$260,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS			
HK Bank	220	3	10.80
Union	970	100	970
Underwriters	9.30	100	9.30
Union Wharf	17 1/2	100	17 1/2
Wheelocks	8.20	100	8.20
HK Wharf	72	100	72
HK Dock	22 1/2	100	22 1/2
Provident	12.80	100	12.80
HK Hotels	14.50	100	14.50
HK Land	69	100	69
Alumina	18.10	100	18.10
HK Realty	1.45	100	1.45
HK Trams	22.60	100	22.60
Star Ferry	125	100	125
Yuenmala	101	100	101
Ch Lights (a)	20.20	100	20.20
Ch Lights (n)	17.00	100	17.00
Electric	28.80	100	28.80
HK Telephone	21.80	100	21.80
G.I. Cement	33 1/2	100	33 1/2
Dairy Farm	17.10	100	17.10
A.S. Watson	10.60	100	10.60
Lane Crawford	34 1/2	100	34 1/2
Anglo	5.20	100	5.20
HK & FE Inv	11.30	100	11.30
Textile Corp	5.20	100	5.20
Nanyang	7.40	100	7.40

LAND, ETC.
HK Hotel 13.70 13.80 1000 13.80
HK Land 01 01 220 01 01
Humphreys 17 1/2

RUBBER
A. Rubber 1 1/2 1.50

UTILITIES
Trans 22.40 22.50 1000 22.40
Sap 22.40 22.50 1000 22.40
Yuenmala 101 100

C. Light (O) 22.30 150 22.40
C. Light (N) 22.30 150 22.40

KD 10.60 500 10.60
Electric 700 30 700 30
Bonus 29.10 322 29.10
Rights 19.10 44 19.10

Macao Electric
(O) KD 8.80 700 8.80
Telephone 22.80 22.10 700 22.80
Rights 12.10 22.30 700 12.10

INDUSTRIALS
Comment 33 1/2 34 100 33 1/2
Nanyang 200 33 1/2
500 33 1/2

STORES, ETC.
Dairy KD 10 400 10.40
Watson 10.80 112 11

COTTONS
Textiles 5.30 5 500 5.40
Nanyang 7.90 200 7.90

MISCELLANEOUS
Yungtze 0.40 0.50 1000 0.40

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Apr. 19.

The No 1 Rs rubber futures closed today 30 to 55 points lower with sales of 213 contracts.

The standard contract closed 30 to 55 points lower with no sales reported. Lower Singapore-London cables plus speculative liquidation, and hedge selling in the face of trade buying, kept the market under mild pressure throughout the day.

In the shipment market, dealers reported there was a "fair business." Indonesian sheet offerings included April/June sheets at 21 1/2 cents, or July arrival which would be about 1/2 cent above the current market. Two sheets were offered at 31 1/2 cents, cost and freight, and all unsold.

Slam offering included three, four and five sheets with prices 1/4 cent higher than those of Indonesia.

Futures

Contract No. 1 Rs

May	31.80
July	31.40
Sept.	30.80
Dec.	30.10

Contract Standard

May	31.10
July	30.50
Sept.	29.90
Dec.	29.00

SINGAPORE

There was some selling in the morning on the rubber market, but offerings were gradually absorbed by trade interest. The market steadied and advanced during the afternoon, and there was some factory interest.

Future closings were:
No. 1 rubber per lb. May 31 1/2-31 3/4
No. 2 rubber per lb. May 30 3/4-31
No. 3 rubber per lb. May 30 1/4-30 3/4
No. 4 rubber per lb. May 30 1/4-30 3/4
No. 5 rubber per lb. May 30 1/4-30 3/4
No. 6 rubber per lb. May 30 1/4-30 3/4
No. 7 rubber per lb. May 30 1/4-30 3/4
No. 8 rubber per lb. May 30 1/4-30 3/4
No. 9 rubber per lb. May 30 1/4-30 3/4
No. 10 rubber per lb. May 30 1/4-30 3/4

LONDON

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UK Blue-Chips Spark Advance

London, Apr. 19. Blue-chip industrial sparked a general advance in brisk trading of the London Stock Exchange today.

Profit-taking tempered the rise at times, but many leaders finished at their highs for the day. Gains ran to as much as 3 shillings in Rolls-Royce, Imperial Chemicals, Woolworths and Unilever. But Bowater lost a few shillings on profit-taking.

Oil's swing either way, with Royal Dutch losing most of a 1 1/4 advance. British Petroleum and Unilever. British Government stocks found moderate changes. Scattered gains were recorded in the section. Some nationalisation issues were in demand.

German bonds highlighted the foreign bond department. Japanese bonds held unchanged in quiet trading. Dollar stocks eased in line with Wall Street.—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:
U.S. dollar (per \$1) 8.80
Sterling notes (per £1) 12.40
Australian notes (per £1) 12.40
Indonesian rupiah (per 100) 18.10
Local (per 100) 90 1/2
Singapore (Straits) 1.50

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"CANTON"	23rd May	25th June
"CANTON"	18th July	20th August

Via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore.

Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
"CHUSAN"	29th April	27th May
"CORFU"	4th May	4th June
"CANTON"	1st June	2nd July
"CANTON"	29th June	31st July

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